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Concern is voiced over legal decision on war criminals

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO—

Disappointment has been expressed by Jewish communal leaders following a judgment by legal experts in the federal Department of Justice that there is no possibility of proceeding against suspected war criminals in Canada.

The information was conveyed to Alan Rose, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, in a telephone message from Ottawa.

Rose was told that, under the terms of the Canadian War Crimes Act, legal action cannot be taken against persons suspected of having committed war crimes during the Second World War.

However, in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Minister of Immigration and Employment Ron Atkey pointed out that the question is "still under review."

While registering personal disappointment over the decision, Atkey said: "It's not a government position but rather a legal opinion by people within the department."

Atkey, who represents the Toronto district of St. Paul's, noted: "The matter has not been fully considered by the government as yet."

Asked how the government would react to the judgment, he said: "It hasn't had a chance to consider the opinion. It's difficult to do so in an election campaign."

The minister said the government has two options: it can seek another legal view, or consider the feasibility of introducing new legislation to supplant the Canadian War Crimes Act.

He said his personal preference would be to work with existing legislation. "Failing that, I would urge appropriate legislation," he explained.

Speaking personally, Atkey said he feels there is support within government for such an initiative. "And I would push for it."

Atkey disclosed that he has discussed the matter with Justice Minister Jacques Flynn. Atkey said Flynn had instructed officials in the Canadian embassy in Washington to confer with their American counterparts on the question of war criminals. He had also informed European governments that Canada would co-operate in their extradition requests, Atkey revealed.

Meanwhile, Jewish leaders voiced concern over the ruling within the Department of Justice.

"I am very disappointed by this development," Rabbi Gunther Plaut, national Congress president, said. "I still believe that the government must find ways and means of bringing war criminals living in Canada to justice."

He added: "I cannot imagine that in a civilized society, murderers of thousands of people can be allowed to slip through the net of justice on some technicality."

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee, said: "It leaves us shocked and dismayed. We believe there does exist an avenue of legal remedy under the Canadian War Crimes Act and we will proceed to express this difference in legal opinion."

Pearlson said the judgment would force the JCRC, a body representing Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, to "present our position again in the strongest way possible."

Donald Carr, Congress' honorary legal counsel, said he was "extremely disappointed" and would ask the Department of Justice for a copy of the opinion.

"We would very much like to know the basis upon which they've arrived at conclusions different from ours."

He said he and his legal researchers had spent more than one year examining the Canadian War Crimes Act and had amassed much material on its meaning and implications.

Robert Kaplan, a Toronto Liberal MP who introduced a bill in 1979 to revoke the citizenship of convicted war criminals, said he hoped the government would consider new legislation if convictions were impossible to obtain under the Canadian War Crimes Act.

He said he was surprised that the Conservatives had not waited until after the Feb. 18 election to make the legal opinion public.

Kaplan said he would reintroduce his bill if reelected to Parliament.

Last May, in a written reply submitted to The Canadian Jewish News, Joe Clark said he was concerned about the question of war criminals in Canada.

Replying to a CJN questionnaire, the then Opposition leader noted: "My government would be prepared to instruct the Department of Justice and the RCMP to investigate allegations concerning Canadian residents who allegedly committed war crimes against persons of many nationalities in Europe.

"If such allegations are well founded, the Attorney General of Canada would have the authority under the Geneva Conventions Act and the War Crimes Act to consent to commencement of prosecutions. A conviction under available legislation would be the principal criterion for removal of citizenship under proposed amendments to the Citizenship Act.

"At the same time, we would be receptive to requests for extradition from friendly Western nations where charges against such persons are outstanding or may be laid."

Pierre Trudeau, in his reply to The CJN, said: "It is necessary to find some proper legal basis to judge people accused of war crimes and to justify the withdrawal of citizenship."

NDP leader Ed Broadbent said he supported "vigorous investigation of war crimes allegations and prosecution when these allegations are well founded."

Envoys named

JERUSALEM, [JCNS] —

Israeli and Egyptian teams will visit each other's countries to find suitable buildings to use as embassies in preparation for the exchange of ambassadors which will take place at the end of this month.

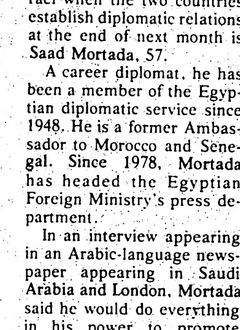
Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, is Israel's first ambassador to Egypt.

Egypt's ambassador to Israel when the two countries establish diplomatic relations at the end of next month is Saad Mortada, 57.

A career diplomat, he has been a member of the Egyptian diplomatic service since 1948. He is a former Ambassador to Morocco and Senegal. Since 1978, Mortada has headed the Egyptian Foreign Ministry's press department.

In an interview appearing in an Arabic-language newspaper appearing in Saudi Arabia and London, Mortada said he would do everything in his power to promote attempts to reach a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

The news of the exchange of visits was given to reporters at a press conference at Aswan by Menachem Begin, Israel's prime minister and President Sadat of Egypt, at the end of their summit meeting. It was also indicated that transport facilities including scheduled air traffic and telecommunications between the two countries, would be opened on January 26.



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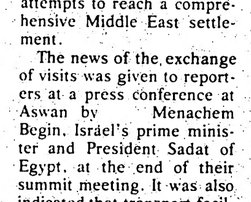

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Eliahu Ben-Elissar

(Howard Kay photo)

Friends and relatives pay their last respects to Saul Hayes, who died recently. Hayes served Canadian Jewish Congress.

Hundreds stand in cold to say farewell to Hayes

By JANICE ARNOLD

A passage in the book of Ecclesiastes, observed Rabbi Charles Bender in his eulogy, says there will be times when someone dies and "the streets will be thronged with mourners."

The quote could have been an apt description of the scene on Lemieux Street outside the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue following the funeral of Saul Hayes last week.

Hundreds stood in the chill January breeze to say goodbye to the man who, during his 32-year career as Canadian Jewish Congress' highest professional, rose to become Canadian Jewry's most respected statesman.

Hayes died suddenly Jan. 12 at the age of 73.

Community leaders and professional staff from throughout Canada and just-plain folks from the neighborhood joined the Hayes family at the funeral, filling the 500-seat synagogue.

The simple service was conducted by the Spanish and Portuguese's own clergy, Rabbi Emeritus Solomon Frank, now 80, Rabbi Howard Joseph, and Cantor Gustav Schachter. In addition to the eulogy by Bender, rabbi emeritus of Congregation Adath Israel, a brief bilingual speech was given by CJC's present executive vice-president, Alan Rose.

The Government of Canada was represented by Col. A. Fletcher, sitting in for Governor-General Edward Schreyer.

Rabbi Bender first met Hayes 52 years ago while rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese, at that time located downtown on Stanley Street. Hayes' ancestors were among the founders of the congregation, which is the oldest in Canada, and the late CJC chief executive had a strong sentimental attachment to the synagogue.

"Saul was a shy, self-effacing, soft-spoken young man in his senior year of law school when I first met him ... Who would have guessed at that time, that despite his humble origins, he was destined to become an outstanding citizen of this country and an illustrious son of his people Israel?"

Hayes' talents and keenness of mind were God-given, said Bender, but his use of these gifts for the good of other people was a personal achievement.

"Some positions make men, but there are also some men who make the position. Saul was an important factor in bringing CJC to the position of eminence it has today."

Although not a "formal religionist" or an "affiliated Zionist", Bender noted that Hayes worked to the best of his ability for both the religious community and Israel.

"Saul was a gentleman in the full sense of the word ... He shed glory on the entire Jewish community and his fellow citizens in this country," he continued. "I'm afraid we will continue to feel the pain of his loss as time goes on."

Alan Rose called Hayes "the father of those privileged to serve the Jewish community in a professional capacity today" and said he was loved by the Congress family.

"We will mo[illegible] days until the end of ours," he said.

More than 100 community professionals from many organizations attended a memorial service held at Samuel Bronfman House the previous day. Eulogies were delivered by Manuel Batshaw, executive vice-president of Allied Jewish Community Services; Joe Kage, executive vice-president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services; Myer Bick, executive-director of the Canada-Israel Committee, and Leo Moss, executive-director of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Eastern Region. Rose was chairman of the memorial.

His last words

Just a few days before his death, Saul Hayes, the professional head of The Canadian Jewish Congress for so many years and a noted historian, completed a lengthy article reviewing some of the highlights of 60 years of Congress. It was written for the 19th Plenary Assembly of Congress to be held May 1-4 in Toronto at The Harbor Castle Hilton Hotel. The Canadian Jewish News will run edited excerpts in a three-part series beginning next week.

U.S. sets deadline to act on suspects

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

The Justice Department has set a one-year deadline for disposal of the cases pending against 25 alleged Nazi war criminals living in the United States. That goal was announced by Philip Heymann, an Assistant Attorney General, in a letter to several American Jewish leaders who had expressed concern that the Justice Department was dragging its feet in pursuing these cases, some of which have been in its files for more than 30 years.

"Our goal for the immediate future is to reach the end of 1980 with all files in one of two statuses: either having been filed with the court or having been closed entirely for lack of substance," Heymann wrote.

He is in charge of the Justice Department's criminal division that oversees the Office of Special Investigation (OSI), which is directly handling the cases. His letter was apparently intended to reassure Jewish leaders and others troubled by the recent transfer of Martin Mendelsohn, who established the OSI and was its deputy director, to other duties.

Suspicion was voiced in some quarters that Mendelsohn was removed from the key unit because he pursued the cases of the alleged Nazis too vigorously. He was said to be the most knowledgeable official in this area and fear was expressed that with his departure, the prosecution of these cases would lag. The matter was raised last week at a meeting between Jewish leaders and Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti in which Heymann participated.

Heymann promised in his letter, "We are going to bring this chapter to a close without bypassing any case that has promise." Walter Rockler, who has directed the OSI since it was transferred from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to the Justice Department's criminal division last May and was Mendelsohn's immediate superior, said new cases and any others that may be added in the future would not be bound by the one-year deadline.

Education budget rises 9.1 percent in total allocations of $6,550,322

TORONTO —

Allocations totalling $6,550,322 for the local Jewish educational system and for local and national social services and programs were approved last week by the executive of Toronto Jewish Congress. The allocations cover TJC's fiscal year from July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980 and represent an average increase of 7.5% over last year, although the education allocations are up by 9.1%.

In presenting the budget report, Murray Segal, chairman of the TJC's budget and finance committee, noted that the allocations are funded through the annual United Jewish Appeal campaign and he urged that "we devote our full energies to the 1980 campaign, now in progress, so that when we begin the budgetary process this spring for the 1980-1981 fiscal year, we will have the necessary funds to realize our aspirations for a better Jewish life for all in Israel, Canada and throughout the world."

Segal pointed out that the United Israel Appeal, which is a partner with Toronto Jewish Congress in the United Jewish Appeal, has been getting a declining share of the dollars raised because campaigns have been flat during the past couple of years. Meanwhile, local agencies have required more to offset the effects of inflation.

"This process cannot continue," Segal continued. "Hopefully, the UJA campaigns will increase but if they don't, the money will not be forthcoming for local needs as before. It's quite likely the UIA will insist that local agencies share in the decline of funds."

He said the TJC officers have agreed to consider "budgetary alternatives" in advance of next year's budgeting process.

Segal stressed, however, that the local agencies have been very responsible in their budgeting and he praised their restraint.

Of the total allocations, $3,488,098 goes for education; $1,305,706 for local agencies; $441,618 for Toronto Jewish Congress operations; $1,370,100 for national agencies; $44,800 for special items.

Allocations for Jewish education break down as follows: Board of Jewish Education, $392,015; Associated Hebrew Schools, $1,273,028; Bialik Hebrew Day School, $166,593; United Synagogue Day Schools, $169,443; Eitz Chaim Day Schools, $576,432; Eitz Chaim evening school, $40,156; Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, $579,931; York University Jewish teacher training, $30,000; Midrasha L'Morim, $20,000; Beth Jacob High School, $24,400; Leo Baeck Day School, $26,000; Ner Israel High School, $30,500; Ner Israel post secondary yeshiva $12,200; B'nai Akiva Schools, $48,900.

Forty thousand dollars has been allocated for "curriculum enrichment and bursary assistance" to supplementary Jewish schools. Another $10,000 is allocated to provide a specific supplementary

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United Way allocations

TORONTO —

United Way allocations to local Jewish agencies will total $1,580,573 in 1980, an increase of about 5% over last year.

The allocations, announced last week, are as follows: Council of Jewish Social Service Agencies, $52,240; Jewish Vocational Service, $144,466; Baycrest Day Care, $84,705; Jewish Home for the Aged, $139,760; Creative Living Centre, $27,100; Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, $68,390; Good Fellowship Lodge, $21,150; Jewish Family & Child Service, $738,382; Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Services, $30,230; Jewish Community Centre, $274,150.

Project Renewal underway, Jerusalem deputy mayor says

TORONTO —

Project Renewal, the vast program to rehabilitate 160 slum areas of Israel, is starting to get under way, according to Elad Peled, deputy mayor of Jerusalem, who spoke here this week at a United Jewish Appeal meeting.

Project Renewal is a partnership of the Israel government and the Jews of the diaspora. The Toronto community is sponsoring the rehabilitation of Kiryat Menachem, an area of Jerusalem, and has made a commitment to raise $10 million for this program over a five-year period. The campaign was launched in Toronto last year by Prime Minister Begin and is continuing, in conjunction with the annual UJA campaign.

Peled said extensive planning was necessary to get the program moving in Kiryat Menachem but good progress has been made and the Israel government is now constructing 180 new homes in the area, mainly for residents whose homes are in such a poor state that they cannot be renovated.

There is a great deal to be done, he continued, and he called for the participation of the Toronto Jewish community in the planning process. He suggested that Toronto's Project Renewal liaison committee, headed by Jack Chisvin, should serve as a board of trustees. "You have the right and the duty to see how your money is spent," he said. "I expect you to be an active partner. Your representatives should come to Jerusalem as often as possible to work with us."

He explained that planning is under the supervision of a steering committee of which half are residents of the area and the other half professionals and representatives of government and the Jewish Agency.

He said projects are proposed both by the residents and the professionals and these are studied and discussed at great length before recommendations are made to a city-wide steering committee which negotiates the funding.

Peled said Kiryat Menachem has a population of about 20,000, of whom about one-third are from North Africa, 25% from Iran and the balance native Israelis whose parents came from eastern Europe. There is a severe shortage of decent housing, with children sleeping on double-decker and triple-decker beds and on mattresses on the floor. A small group of juvenile delinquents is terrorizing the area with rape, robbery and murder.

Older people, left alone by their children who can't support them, are struggling to survive and are often the victims of violence.

"It's an unacceptable situation in the Jewish homeland," Peled declared, "and we are determined to solve these problems, with your help."

Joel Greisman, chairman of UJA's Project Renewal division, said contributors can pay over a five-year period. Gifts for Project Renewal (but not UJA gifts) can be paid in Israel Bonds.

Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Elad Peled discusses Project Renewal with Jack Chisvin [left] and Joel Greisman. The mayor disclosed that Project Renewal in Jerusalem is now underway.

World News

(Uzi Keren photo)

El Al president Buma Shavit [left] and a trade union representative show off new contract that will enable Israel's national airline to fly on an uninterrupted basis. Labor woes have plagued El Al.

France has sold Iraq 64 F-1 jets; Baghdad takes option on Mirage

PARIS [JTA] —

Iraq has ordered 24 additional Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers and has taken an option on France's new combat plane, the Mirage-2000. According to official available figures, France has sold 64 F-1s to Iraq over the last two years.

The F-1 is the French equivalent to America's F-16. The planes sold to Iraq will be equipped with the new Matra super-530 air-to-air missile used for supersonic dogfights. The missile can hit a supersonic target at a distance of 18 miles. The Iraqi version can also carry a five-ton bomb load. The Iraqi Air Force also flies an unspecified number of MIG-23s equipped with Soviet-made air-to-air missiles.

In recent years, Iraq has tried to diversify its arms supplies and has bought large quantities of military equipment in France, including AMX-30 tanks, Panhard armored cars, anti-tank missiles and a variety of combat helicopters, including the heavily armed Super-Frelon. French reports say Iraq is also negotiating for the purchase of Crotale weapons systems, as well as in-shore defense missiles.

A large number of Iraqi officers are studying at French staff schools or undergoing training at French air and naval installations.

NATO experts believe the Iraq Air Force to have more than doubled since the Yom Kippur War and that Iraq now has a highly credible strike force. These experts also believe that air crews are now well trained and highly operational according to Western standards.

Israeli military circles, including Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan, warned last week against the danger of Arab concentrations of modern forces on Israel's eastern front. According to Western sources, Syria and Iraq now have a larger and more modern air force than all the Arab countries, including Egypt, had on the eve of the Yom Kippur War.

While France continues to sell arms, including modern supersonic planes, to a variety of nations, including practically all the Arab states, France officially denied the sale of uranium or other radioactive materials to Libya or Pakistan.

The president of the French Atomic Energy Commission, Michel Pecqueur, said that both France and Niger, the African state where the uranium mines are located, "have always acted in accordance with the non-proliferation treaty and the regulations of the (Vienna-based) International Atomic Energy Agency."

Americans and British papers last month reported that large quantities of Niger-produced uranium have been sold, hijacked or misappropriated and have ended up in the construction of the "Islamic bomb" now manufactured in Pakistan with the help of Libyan money. The head of the French Atomic Energy Commission said: "Not a single nugget of uranium yellow cake has found its way to Pakistan or Libya. There has been no theft nor any misappropriation of uranium."

French sources recall that France last year cancelled its contract to supply Pakistan with a nuclear fuel processing plant after it became known that a nuclear device was being built near Islamabad. The French claim that the nuclear processing plant sold to Iraq "cannot be used" for military purposes.

Israeli sources are less convinced by these arguments and fear that the plants shipped to Iraq, Osirak I and II, could be used for the production of enriched uranium of a military type. A year ago, in January, 1979, a bomb destroyed the core of the Osirak I plant as it was waiting at Seynesur-Mer for shipment to Iraq. French intelligence believe Israeli agents blew up the crates which have, however, since been replaced and shipped to Baghdad where they are in use.

France has not adhered to the non-proliferation treaty but has kept a low profile in this field, reportedly out of consideration for American sensitivity on this issue. Iraqi scientists are nonetheless working on French projects and French technicians are based in Baghdad where they participate in the construction of the Iraqi plants.

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The delusions of the Israeli public that the worst of the government's austerity measures affecting their own pockets is over, were badly shattered by the finance minister, Yigal Hurwitz, when he served notice that he has plans for still tougher measures to get the economy off the inflationary spiral. He reportedly told members of his own L'am faction within Likud that what has been done so far in the two months since he moved into the Treasury would "seem mild" compared to the "real cuts" which are ahead.

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JERUSALEM —

Officials of the Israeli Ministry of Education have expressed concern about a Halachic ruling given by Sephardi Chief Rabbi, Ovadia Yosef, which decrees that there should be no co-education after the third grade. The chief rabbi has ruled that the mixing of girls and boys in the same classes after the age of eight will "lead the children into committing sins as they grow older." Some officials have countered angrily saying that even in the state of religious stream, all primary schools have mixed classes unless parents express a specific objection. On the other hand, they declare that what happens in the non-religious stream where there is no segregation of sexes "is of no concern to the chief rabbi."

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JERUSALEM —

A tragic error led to shooting and death of a Norwegian serving with the UN forces in Nahariya. When the 29-year-old Norwegian, a civilian, who lives in a flat in this Northern coastal town, returned home late at night he apparently tried to enter a nearby flat, mistaking it in the dark for his own. A local resident who feared that it was terrorists, called on him to identify himself and when there was no reply, opened fire. The man died on the way to hospital. Nahariya has frequently been the target of terrorist assaults including a brutal seaborne attack last year in which four local residents died.

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LONDON —

Thirty-one years ago, Britain and Israel stood on the brink of war. British military reinforcements had been sent to the Akaba area of Transjordan and the Suez Canal zone and, on January 7, 1949, Israeli fighters shot down five RAF planes over Israel's battleground with Egypt. However, on Jan. 17, the Labor cabinet, including the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, resolved to ease the tension and to establish direct contact with "the Jewish authorities in Tel Aviv" by according them de facto recognition. This most crucial and menacing period in Anglo-Israeli relations is reflected in the hitherto secret government documents for 1949, which were released last week by the Public Record Office here.

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MADRID —

Spanish Jewry have formed a Zionist Federation of Spain. This decision was taken at a meeting held in the main centre of the Jewish community here in the presence of Mordechai Dayan, chairman of the action committee of the World Zionist Organization and the president of the Madrid community, Joseph Besadon, as well as representatives of the main Zionist organizations in Spain.

Begin says Israel not frightened by Syria

JERUSALEM, [JTA] —

Premier Menachem Begin said that Syria may try to attack Israel because of internal problems in Damascus. However, he told a group of Conservative members of the British Parliament meeting with him in the Knesset, that Israel was watching the situation closely and was ready for any eventuality.

Begin said that following President Hafez Assad's recent visit to Moscow, Syria received "gigantic" amounts of weapons from the Soviet Union. He said that thousands of Russians have arrived in Syria, ostensibly as advisors. The arms shipments, he said, included MIG-25 fighters and T-72 tanks. "We are prepared," the Israeli Premier said. "We are not frightened by such threats but we would like to have complete peace on all borders."

Similar comments were exchanged over the weekend between the British visitors and senior army officers of the northern command. One of the latter suggested that a possible motive for Syria engaging in war with Israel was Assad's desire to jeopardize the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. The officer said that as the time approached for the two countries to exchange ambassadors, Syria's wish to impede the relations between them increased.

He observed that the eastern front — Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia — was not organized at present. But Iraq might pour forces close to the Israeli border. In that case, he said, Israel will not be able to permit herself "the luxury" of allowing Iraqi divisions on her border.

The British delegation of 20 members of Parliament began their second week in Israel. They have already toured the West Bank and Gaza Strip and visited one of the airfields in Sinai that Israel is slated to evacuate next year. They also toured the Golan Heights. The delegates brought a message from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher "to the people of Israel" expressing her wishes for peace and prosperity.

Medical team from Israel aids Cambodians

JERUSALEM —

A young Jerusalem physician, a wartime refugee from Europe, recently led the first Israel medical mission to Thailand.

Dr. Yaakov Adler, head of the emergency department of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, organized a team of six doctors and four medics who volunteered to aid the Cambodian refugees who are flooding into Thailand at the rate of 10,000 a day.

Dr. Yaakov Adler

"My team," he reports, "is the first from Israel. We worked for a month at the Sakeo Camp which has a population of 31,000 refugees. Our hospital was a series of huts that accommodated some 1100 patients. Our volunteer group was in charge of a 120-bed ward that treated over 2,000 persons during the time that we were there. Needless to say, many lives were saved.

"As we were working on these children we could not but think of the friends of my childhood who died in the concentration camps because the world stood idly by. "We are determined that this should never happen again. In this small way we members of Israel's medical community are playing a role in saving lives and in telling the world that we care."

Dr. Adler heads the emergency department at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. The hospital, a century old Jerusalem institution, has seen its share of emergencies. Just this past year U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale was in Jerusalem when a terrorist bomb went off and a number of persons were killed and injured. The vice president visited the hospital and comforted the wounded.

French Reds hit at Israel

PARIS [JCNS] —

France's Communist Party is hardening dramatically its anti-Israel attitudes. The party's daily newspaper, **L'Humanite**, published a five-column article highlighting the Palestine Liberation Organization's "15 years of a armed struggle" against the Jewish State.

Jewish paper terminated

By MAURICE SAMUELSON

LONDON, [JTA] —

Scores of Anglo-Jewish leaders and organizations have ceased receiving in their daily mail the bulletin of world-wide Jewish news which has been a feature of this community for over half a century.

The Daily News Bulletin, mainly compiled from the wire services of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was terminated because some British Zionist leaders say that they can no longer afford the subsidy of more than 30,000 pounds sterling per year needed to keep it going.

It is the sixth old-established publication to disappear here in the past 10 years, and its closure is a further sign of the wholesale decline of the Jewish press in England. The only survivors are the London Jewish Chronicle, the ultra-Orthodox Jewish Tribune, and four local newspapers in provincial cities.

Sidney Shipton, one of the three directors of the JTA London Committee, said that it had only a few hundred paying subscribers and could no longer justify spending money "which would otherwise have gone indirectly to Israel." The Bulletin is also mailed to some private subscribers and non-Jewish institutions.

Shipton, the general secretary of the British Zionist Federation, said closure had been contemplated for some time but the question had come to a head in the last few months because of the stringent financial situation of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

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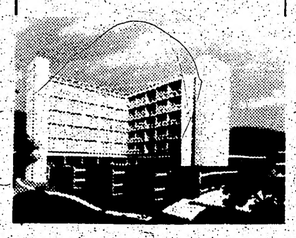

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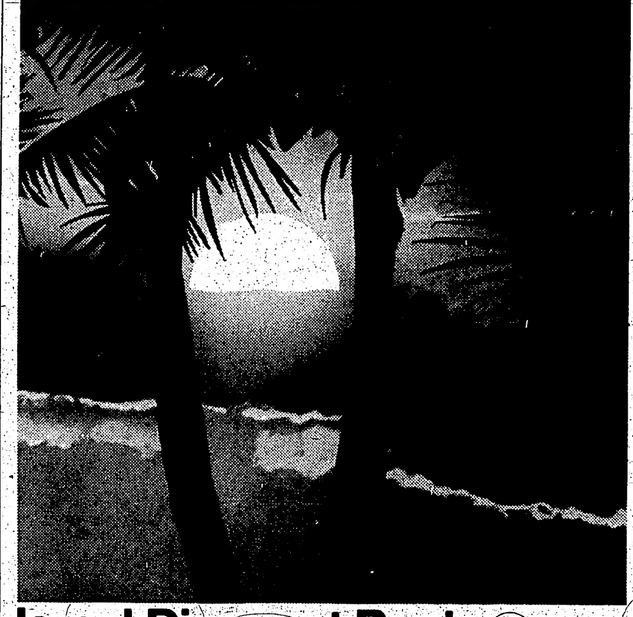

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Canadian Jewish Congress has been informed by the Department of External Affairs that the Canadian Embassy in Moscow has made further representations concerning the fate of **Raoul Wallenberg,** Swedish diplomat, who disappeared in 1945 following the Soviet entry into Budapest. **Mr. Wallenberg** was responsible for saving thousands of Jews and maintaining them in "safe houses" under the protection of the Swedish Embassy. The Canadian Embassy was again informed that **Mr. Wallenberg** died in 1947 in Gulag. Canada does not regard the Soviet response as satisfactory, and will examine what further steps can be taken to ascertain if **Mr. Wallenberg** is still alive, as has been claimed by ex-prisoners of the Gulag now in the West.

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CJC NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

"Shabbat Zachor," the Sabbath of Remembrance for Jews in Arab Lands, will be commemorated throughout the world, March 1, 1980. **Judy Feld Carr,** National CJC chairperson, Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, has sent a letter to every rabbi in Canada, urging them to devote their Shabbat sermon to the plight of Jews in Arab countries, and to make a particular plea for the release of the Syrian Jewish community. Special Yahrzeit prayers will be said in memory of four young Jewish girls slain in 1974 while attempting to escape from the Damascus ghetto. The Jewish community is asked to mark this commemoration by sending telegrams and letters after February 18, to the newly elected Prime Minister and their members of Parliament, asking them for open emigration of Syrian Jews to a friendly country such as Canada, and for reuniting those few Syrian Jewish families with relatives in Canada. The CJC National Religious Affairs Department has endorsed this annual program and urges synagogues across Canada to participate in commemorating Shabbat Zachor.

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Mme Flora Naglie, co-présidente du Projet Outreach Communautaire Conjoint du Congrès Juif Canadien et de l'AJCS, fut la personne-resource lors d'une réunion tenue à la maison de Max et Carol Dekoven à Dollard des Ormeaux. Le sujet principal débattu fut: "Les besoins de la jeunesse de l'Ouest de l'Ille de Montréal." Il y eut également un dialogue général à propos des réalités politiques du Québec.

CJC NATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

The CJC National Holocaust Remembrance Committee's NEWSLETTER "REMEMBRANCE" is now going to press. The newsletter reports on educational and commemorative activities taking place in Canada which pertain to the Holocaust; on the programs of the National and Regional Holocaust Remembrance Committees; and other issues relevant to the subject. Anyone interested in receiving a copy can contact the Committee at CJC, 1590 Avenue Docteur Penfield, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1C5, or phone 931-7531, *local 51.*

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VIEWPOINTS

The Congress-sponsored quarterly magazine "Viewpoints" has published its third issue. Feature articles include a piece entitled "The Night of My Return" by **Jacobo Timmerman** who was recently released from an Argentinian prison and now lives in Israel. A questionnaire is enclosed concerning methods for strengthening Canada's declining Jewish community, with responses by several prominent community members. There is also an article by **Prof. Irwin Cotler** called "The Soviet Offensive Against Its Jews." Subscriptions to Viewpoints can be obtained by sending $10 to Viewpoints, Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 Avenue Docteur Penfield, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1C5.

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Flora Naglie, co-chairperson of the Joint CJC/AJCS Community Outreach Project, was the resource person for a Parlour Meeting held at the home of Max and Carol Dekoven in Dollard des Ormeaux. The main topic of discussion was entitled "Teen Needs in the West Island." There was also a general dialogue on the political realities of Quebec.

Washington will abide by its 1975 commitment

U.S. will not deal with PLO, Javits says

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO—

A leading American politician has assured Israel that his country will not deal with the PLO until that Palestinian organization changes its outlook toward the Jewish state.

Jacob Javits, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told 800 businessmen at the Sheraton Centre that the U.S. will abide by its 1975 commitment not to negotiate with the PLO until that group alters its policy.

The U.S., the 75-year-old New York senator stressed, "will meet its commitments to Israel."

Henry Kissinger, then secretary of state, made a pledge to Israel that the U.S. would not recognize the PLO until it repudiated its 1968 National Covenant, calling for Israel's destruction, renounced terrorism, and accepted UN Resolution 242.

Last summer, rumors swept Washington that the U.S. might be moving in the direction of recognizing the PLO. More controversy was aroused later on when Andrew Young, the U.S. ambassador at the UN, was forced to resign after it was disclosed that he had contravened American policy by officially meeting with a PLO official.

Javits, one of the most influential senators on Capitol Hill, said the U.S. government was also committed to the Camp David process, which culminated last spring in a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

Jacob Javits

He said the U.S. would stick by Israel and Egypt, even if their current negotiations on autonomy "take some years."

The New Yorker cautioned that any effort "to push the process will only cause us trouble."

Javits, who was brought to Toronto by Universal Speakers, a private organization, warned that the peace treaty would cost the U.S. taxpayer up to $4 billion.

Referring to the impasse in the current autonomy talks on the Palestinians, Javits expressed doubt that they would be completed by the May target date.

No West Bank notables were prepared to stand for public office, or participate in the negotiations, for fear of being assassinated by Palestinian militants, he noted.

In his speech, Javits also dealt with the threat posed by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Javits predicted that the Russians will withdraw from that poor landlocked nation within eight weeks, but only after they have secured total political control over it and can extend their dominance over the countries on the Persian Gulf.

The senator said that if the Russians gain control of the oil lifelines in the Middle East, they will be in a position to dominate the destiny of Western Europe.

He urged the nations of NATO to begin discussion on combining their limited military forces in the Indian Ocean into a unified command which could be expanded to become a larger, permanent presence protecting oil supply routes of the Middle East and the Persian Gulf.

Javits said the crises in Afghanistan and Iran are "the gravest threat to world peace since World War II" and challenge "not only basic U.S. national interests but the principles and goals of the Western alliance and the entire international economic and political structure."

He cautioned that "the scrambling of governments for special considerations in bilateral deals with OPEC members only further exacerbates the destabilization of world oil markets."

New budgets approved at national conference

TORONTO —

A plenary session of the National Budgeting Conference last week approved 1980 budgets of $2,021,500 for Canadian Jewish Congress and $1,790,836 for Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS).

NBC, a service of the Council of Jewish Federations, represents the major Canadian Jewish communities in establishing the budgets of the national Jewish organizations. Fifty representatives from Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Hamilton, London and the Atlantic provinces attended the plenary, held at the Inn on the Park. Present also were representatives of the national organizations. Hillel Becker, Montreal, is chairman of NBC and presided at the meeting.

Also approved was a budget of $60,000 for Network Canada, for national student activities. Overseas allocations, to be made by the United Israel Appeal of Canada, were approved as follows: Joint Distribution Committee, $400,000; HIAS, $100,000; ORT, $55,000; OSE, $15,000; Alliance Israelite, $15,000.

In presenting the budget request for JIAS, Morrie Latchman, Toronto, said 1,142 Soviet immigrants were received last year, compared with 717 in 1978.

Herb Rosenfeld, Toronto, JIAS nationals president, said 28 communities were involved with JIAS last year in the resettlement of Soviet Jews. Asked whether it was fair to send them to smaller communities where the opportunity to live a full Jewish life was somewhat limited, Rosenfeld said the Canadian government designates the destination for those immigrants it sponsors and pays for. He pointed out further that some of the smaller communities spend more time with the Soviet Jews in terms of Jewish content than do Toronto or Montreal.

The plenary requested a study be made of compensation for professional and clerical staffs of community organizations, including salaries, pensions and other fringe benefits. In addition, it was suggested that a study be undertaken of human resources for Jewish communal service.

The meeting called also for a study of national and local student programming in Canada to determine the relative values of Hillel programs, national agency youth programs, regional programs and the Network organization.

At the opening of the session, Hillel Becker announced the passing of Saul Hayes and a minute's silence was observed in his memory.

Becker expressed his thanks to Steve Ain, of the NBC secretariat, for assistance in the preparation of the plenary. He congratulated Dan Ignatoff on his promotion as director of budget services for the Council of Jewish Federations and introduced Milt Gelman, of the CJF budget services staff.

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Mark Resnick replaces Bick in CIC's senior post

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The Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) recently announced the appointment of Mark Resnick as its acting national executive director.

CIC chairman, Harold Buchwald, who announced Resnick's appointment and other staff changes, said that Resnick will start his duties Feb. 1 at the CIC's national headquarters in Ottawa.

Mark Resnick

Born in Brantford, Ont. Resnick, 29, has been serving as CIC's director of research since September. He graduated with a BA from York University where he majored in Canadian politics. Resnick pursued graduate studies at McGill University specializing in International relations and Middle Eastern affairs.

Resnick replaces Myer Bick in the CIC's senior professional post.

Other staff changes include the appointments of Leon Benbaruk and Shira Herzog Bessin.

Benbaruk, who will retain his present responsibility as CIC's Quebec Region director, is now appointed associate national director in Montreal. Benbaruk, a Rhodes scholar, has expertise in Near Eastern Affairs.

Mrs. Bessin, the CIC director of special projects since September 1978, is now director of research. A graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and York University, she will continue to work out of the Toronto office.

Buchwald told the CJN that the CIC is now reviewing new applicants for the positions of special projects director, director of communications, and executive secretary to the director.

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Saul Hayes

'He was a mensch'

It was the wish of Saul Hayes that his obituary be brief. One can only imagine what Hayes' reaction would have been to Canadian Jewry's understandable difficulty in honoring this final request.

"A gentleman of class," said Congress President Rabbi Gunther Plaut, who was out of the country at the time of Mr. Hayes' death.

Hayes was basically a shy person. Despite the lofty position he rose to in the community and indeed the country, he never lost touch with the ordinary problems of ordinary people. There is no better illustration of this essential part of his character than the time Hayes, a Queen's Counsel accustomed to solving more complicated legal matters, helped an elderly, Jewish man draw up a will.

The man spoke only Yiddish and was housebound by illness. When Hayes learned of his situation, he offered his legal expertise without hesitation. Accompanied by a Yiddish-speaking member of the Congress staff, Hayes made several visits to the man's home until the will was completed.

No one, except the old man and the staff member, ever knew.

This was Saul Hayes. He was a scholar and a leader but, above all, he was a mensch. We will not see the likes of him again.

A great irony

There is no gainsaying the flair which Alexander Schindler possesses in obtaining news coverage for his controversial ideas. In Toronto recently the president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) called for the recognition of children of non-Jewish mothers in mixed marriages.

His proposal, according to spokesmen for Agudath Israel, "makes news but not Jews." This characterization by a staunchly Orthodox group is not surprising. More startling is the opposition voiced against Rabbi Schindler's idea by representatives of Reform Judaism here and Israel.

There the Reform Movement for Progressive Judaism dissociated itself categorically from the suggestion that a child be considered Jewish if only his father is Jewish. In Toronto, leaders of Reform synagogues have described the president's "amendment" to Jewish law as injudicious and badly timed.

Israel's chief rabbis have both characterized the Schindler concept as destructive in the extreme. Rabbi Shlomo Goren indicated to reporters in Jerusalem that the proposal is "aimed at the windpipe of Judaism."

In New York City representatives of the Conservative Movement have expressed complete disagreement with Shindler's position. His suggestions are described by a member of the right-wing Agudath Israel group as an attempt to re-write Halachic determinants "to serve the whims of those Jews who chose to marry out of the fold."

One could perhaps interpret Rabbi Schindler's act as an exercise in "balloon floating" — as they say in politics — carried out in order to test the public sentiment on the issue. If that indeed was his purpose, then the answer appears to be fairly clear. Near unanimity of opinion across the Jewish religious spectrum condemns the idea as detrimental to the unity and spiritual integrity of the Jewish people.

It is paradoxical that the author of this unfortunate trial balloon is the same gentleman whose energies on behalf of the State of Israel in the political forum have earned him the sincere admiration of Jews all over the world.

Rabbi Schindler's advocacy of a more "liberal" interpretation of what constitutes a Jew is at variance with his efforts to support the Jewish State. The irony is great. On the one hand he has battled to strengthen Israel's cause; on the other he urges adoption of an idea which would cause the erosion of the Jewish people and contribute to their further fragmentation. Rabbi Schindler's current position is a contradiction of the high aims he has exemplified in other endeavours.

We understand the dilemma which has led to his advocacy but we feel that it is misguided, and in this regard, we are scarcely alone in our view.

Spring is in the air

The Jewish tradition since the time of Hillel the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat has been regarded as the festival of the New Year of Trees. The mid-point of this month was chosen because most of the annual rainfall in Israel arrives before that date.

In the system of laws pertaining to tithing the fruit of trees which blossomed after the 15th was considered to belong to the following year both in terms of the levying of the tithes and of the prohibition of "orlah" (eating fruit within the first three years of the tree's life).

Meir Ydit observes that among European Ashkenazi communities it was customary to eat fifteen kinds of fruit on Tu B'Shevat and preference was given to those grown in Eretz Israel. Among Sephardi Jews the festival loomed even larger in the religious calendar as special prayers were composed and certain customs expanded.

North African Jews evolved a special liturgy not dissimilar to the Passover seder, in which four cups of wine were drunk. To this ceremony were added various poetic hymns and readings from the Torah and Midrash.

With the creation of the State of Israel Tu-B'Shevat has assumed a new importance; it has become associated with the idea of re-birth and redemption in the ancestral homeland.

The vast re-forestation projects carried out by the Jewish National Fund is a symbol of the spirit of the festival. In Israel and the Diaspora Arbor Day is celebrated with special children's songs and tree-planting ceremonies. In North America at this time of year when most trees are denuded of foliage a hint of Spring emerges as we focus our attention on the life potential of the sappling.

Food for thought

We note with some apprehension the recent closing of a kosher restaurant on Bathurst St. and the impending disappearance of another one in the northwest corner of Toronto.

The mark of a mature Jewish community has always been the availability of kosher facilities both in the butcher shop domain and in the restaurant sector.

For many years Toronto has boasted of the variety it offered observant Jews for whom dietary laws are intrinsic parts of their religious life. Kosher outlets in supermarkets, bakeries, restaurants and butcher shops are plentiful.

Compared to other large urban centres in North America, Toronto has been a paradise with regard to the food habits of traditional Jews. Pittsburgh, a community with more than 60,000 Jewish citizens, has one kosher delicatessen. Philadelphia, whose Jewish population exceeds that of Toronto, does not possess a kosher restaurant. Los Angeles, now boasting one of the largest Jewish agglomerations in North America, is in a similar plight.

Is Toronto now experiencing the desertion of kosher eating places which resulted in the disappearance of such facilities in the United States?

We trust that the answer is no and that the termination of operations in one of the two aforementioned restaurants and the imminent demise of the other, is a temporary phenomenon to be explained by specific business factors.

Without being excessively critical it must be noted that kosher eating establishments have, in the past, tended to relax their quality control in the mistaken belief that observant Jews, as a captive group, have no other options.

The fact is, however, that there are other options — to stay home and cook for oneself. We do not suggest that a deterioration in services was responsible for the loss of kosher outlets. The kosher business is tricky and demands rigorous accounting methods.

We wish the remaining kosher outlets a prosperous future; it would be sad indeed if Toronto were to follow the pattern of large American centres. But there is no guarantee that the observant constituency will always be serviced by this important community institution.

Tu b'Shevat is difficult to understand, but some feel it links man and tree

Tu b'Shevat, Israel's spring holiday, falls on Feb. 2 this year. Here CJN contributor Rabbi Abraham Rzepkowicz details some of the implications of its observance.

By RABBI ABRAHAM RZEPKOWICZ

Tu b'Shevat is a difficult holiday to understand. To begin with, it is difficult to enter into the spirit of this arbor day celebration when the seasonal conditions, as we experience them, scarcely approximate anything like spring. The thought here of planting trees and enjoying their fruit is rather exotic if not outlandish. Yet, there is something about the tenacious quality of this minor festival that has required its continued role in the Jewish calendar.

Checking the major traditional sources offers little in the way of explaining the phenomenon of the Tu b'Shevat celebration. In the tractate of Rosh Hashanah (1:1), the 15th day of Shevat is mentioned as being the "New Year of the Tree." However, as Maimonides describes this date in his legal code, it is merely a terminal date for the farmer's separating of the year's tithe and other priestly dues from his crops. The new fruit just beginning to develop on the trees in Israel at this season no longer pertain to the previous year's harvest.

Considering Tu b'Shevat from such a perspective, it appears to be more an arbitrary date for the completion of bookkeeping procedures than the "Judgment Day for Trees," as popularly conceived. It seems only tangentially aware of the changes in nature taking place at this time, such as the waning of the cold and rainy season, the rising of the sap in the trees, and the initial development of the new fruit. In the Mishna (Rosh Hashanah 1:2), the role of such a judgment day is assigned to Shavuot, in the warm, early summer when the fruit is actually ripening.

Nevertheless, the awareness of the transitional nature of Tu b'Shevat is not to be denied. Such an outlook can be seen in the liturgical poetry penned in the Land of Israel during the Gaonic Period (500-1,000 C.E.). Two such Piyutim for Tu b'Shevat, which were recovered from the Cairo Genizah, give expression to the people's prayers for a bountiful crop, singling out by name the various fruit trees of the Holy Land. And even as late as the 17th century, Rabbi Binyamin Halevi of Safed compiled an anthology of pertinent passages to be read on Tu b'Shevat. This anthology, which emphasizes the kabbalistic point of view, sees the blosssoming of the trees as reflecting in this world G-d's cosmic process of redemption.

Also, in the colder climate of eastern Europe, Tu b'Shevat retained its festive character. Halachically, no fast is permitted on this day, and in the daily prayers, no extra supplications (Tachanun) are said after the Amidah. Besides these practices, it has remained customary to eat new fruits, especially those kinds which have been traditionally ascribed to Israel.

The importance of trees and, especially fruit trees, which marks the core of the Tu b'Shevat observance, has always been recognized by Jews. A rather puzzling Biblical passage forbids the wanton destruction of fruit trees even in the course of conducting war against one's enemies (Deuteronomy 20:19-20). The verse attempts to explain itself by asking, "Is the tree of the field like a man to be put under siege?" Many commentators understand the passage as being pragmatic and forbidding the destruction of necessary sources of food. Rashi even draws a lesson of compassion from the injunction against the useless destruction of defenceless trees.

However, to borrow the phraseology of Ibn Ezra, one could understand the verse to say, "man's life is the tree of the field." In these terms, not only does man draw sustenance from the tree, but the tree, in fact, reflects man's life and his most important aspirations. Both are subject to physical nature as they are affected by the cyclical changes of the seasons, and the physical rebirth of the trees in the spring, especially of those which bear fruit, echoes man's continual striving for spiritual rebirth in a world often embroiled in sterile materialism.

Another aspect of this link between man and tree can be seen in the story of Choni Hameagel, a sage of early Mishnaic period (Taanit 23a). Choni was troubled by the verse: "When the Lord brings back those returning to Zion, we will have been like dreamers" (Psalms 126:1). When considering the reference of this verse to the end of the 70 years of the Babylonian exile, he was unable to understand the simile of dreaming as it might apply to so long a period of time.

Once, he came upon a farmer planting a carob tree, which would first bear fruit after 70 years. Upon asking the farmer why he would bother planting a tree whose fruit he would never enjoy, he received the answer that he was planting the carob tree "for posterity just as his forebears had done for his benefit. The story relates how, thereupon, Choni fell into a sleep for 70 years. Upon awaking, he found the grandson of the original planter enjoying the fruit of that tree which his grandfather had planted.

To Choni, the future appeared only as a dream, whose potential is not graspable as actuality. However, the farmer, being closely linked to the world of nature, understood the reality of the carob tree's potential to bear fruit for succeeding generations. Choni had to learn that, like the tree, a man's actions are an investment in the future. Metaphorically, life is not a static existence in what may be considered as a barren, wintry present. Both the tree and man are expressions of faith that life and fruitfulness extend beyond the immediate present that be perceived only with the senses.

The festive nature of Tu b'Shevat offers the Jew the opportunity to express his faith in the future. By rejoicing in the appearance of the initial signs of renewed biological activity in the trees, he celebrates G-d's promise of the coming harvest, though still several months away, which will supply his immediate needs. And in celebrating the season's signs of rebirth, as already evidenced in the trees in the month of Shevat, the Jew rejoices in G-d's promise of a spiritual rebirth that will offer a future capable of satisfying the ultimate dreams of the Jewish people and all mankind.

Ominous start in politics of new decade

Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

By GABRIEL BEN-DOR

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan — for that's what it really is — is an ominous beginning in the international politics of the new decade. It seems that something has happened in the Kremlin which has led the Soviet leaders to decide to take a series of risks that they would almost certainly have avoided like the plague just a short time ago.

This may have to do with three important, but distinct spheres: internal difficulties and the resulting dissatisfaction inside the Soviet Union which eventually pushes the Russians to a more adventuresome foreign policy; developments in the Middle East that concurrently make it more important and more dangerous as an adjacent region; and the declining importance of American (and let us admit, western) foreign policy in the area (and elsewhere), culminating in the public humiliation of Teheran.

Actually, Soviet foreign policy in the Middle East is rather conventional, and has its roots in a long tradition going way back to Tzarist Russia (thus, there is nothing particularly "Soviet" or "Communist" about it).

It has meager ideological elements; even though the Russians realise the importance of the holy places and they attribute a certain degree of significance to the competition with the United States for the future ideological character of the Third World of which in many ways the Middle East is the heart, their strategic thinking is coloured primarily by geographical factors (Soviet policy as a whole is characterized in general by a strong territorial conception of security).

The Soviets consider the Middle East as their backyard, and thus, security zone. They have long boundaries with a number of Middle Eastern (although non-Arab) countries, such as Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan (these are termed in Western strategic thinking on the Middle East as "The Northern Tier"), along areas rich in oil in Soviet Central Asia, which is populated by some 50 million Muslims — easily the most dangerous elements of the population of the Soviet regime (it is also by far the fastest-growing).

In the wake of the Second World War (which still plays a predominant role in the minds of the present generation of Soviet leaders), the Russians managed to create a cordon sanitaire through a buffer zone of Soviet support buffer states in Eastern Europe and attempted to do the same (with apparent success in the beginning) in the Far East through China and Mongolia.

In the Middle East, however, they failed: on successive occasions they were made to retreat from Northern Iran (1946); a Communist take-over of Greece and Turkey was thwarted (partially through the Truman Doctrine in 1947), and eventually the "Northern Tier" countries, along with Iraq and the Western powers, organized in a framework of collective security (modelled after NATO), the so-called Baghdad Pact, established in 1955.

The Russians eventually managed to stage a spectacular pincer movement, and bypassing the Northern Tier, penetrated the heartland of the Middle East, utilizing various opportunities, among them some have to do with the Arab-Israeli conflict (note particularly the historic arms deal concluded with Egypt — through Czechoslovakia — in 1955).

This pincer movement brought them much closer to where they wanted to be: the soft underbelly of the Middle East with immediate access to the strategic junctures so important to world politics: the Straits (controlled by Turkey) potentially bottling up the entire Russian Navy in the only year-round warm weather ports in the Black Sea (the control of the Straits has been an explicit Russian goal at least since the 18th Century); the Suez Canal; the Straits of Bab al Mandab (at the exit of the Red Sea); and the Straits of Hormoz, overlooking the only shipping lanes and tanker routes out of the Persian Gulf (and thus controlling the single most important source of energy to the industrialized West).

And yet, notwithstanding the crucial significance of this grandiose pincer movement, it was accomplished by and large through a sophisticated indirect strategy. It did not rely on the direct use of massive military presence (unlike the Western strategy in the Northern Tier, the results of which were disastrous), but rather created more or less reliable local proxies to do the dirty work of the Russians with relatively little direct risks to the latter. This was good politics, combining aid, technology, arms, diplomacy and good, old-fashioned troublemaking, and given the troublemaking potential of the Middle East at the time, and the needs of its various countries for Russian aid and arms, it worked for a long while, without confronting the cautious Russians with the risks of brinkmanship. Eventually, the complexities of the Arab-Israeli conflict did bring the Soviet Union into momentary brinkmanship in 1973, and the strategically disastrous Soviet mistake in severing links with Israel which led the Arabs to take the Russians for granted and reduced Russian options to almost nil (and this is the classic definition of bad politics!) reduced the Russian momentum greatly. Nevertheless, the fact was that a fairly extensive Russian influence in the heartland of the Middle East became an accepted feature of world politics; that the military alliance in the Northern Tier collapsed and the Baghdad Pact totally disintegrated, and that Western influence in Middle Eastern countries bordering on the Soviet Union has been constantly on the decline.

This may be somewhat short of a brilliant accomplishment, but in the rough and tumble of international politics this is more than an adequate record, and certainly one the Russians have been able to live with. All this without the use of force; in general, throughout this period they used direct force consistently only in adjacent Eastern Europe. Even in Europe, they withdrew from Austria (under a formula of neutralization). As mentioned before, in 1946, they withdrew (under U.S. pressure) from Northern Iran. Their adventure in direct presence in Cuba (1962) and Egypt (1972) quickly came to an end; they were never an integral (or at least an indispensable) part of Soviet global strategy.

In the late 1970s, this began to change. Admittedly, using Cuba massively, the Russians revealed a surprisingly adventuresome posture in Angola and Ethiopia, and they got away with it. They began to extend their efforts into South Yemen (the most radical Arab state, critically situated vis-a-vis Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf). In this period some observers noted (see the leaked CIA documents) that by the late 1980s the Russians would become an oil importing country (though this is disputed by at least half the relevant experts); others pointed to Russian fears that the Egyptian-Israeli-American peace process would reduce the Arab-Israeli conflict to a degree that would make them (the Russians) unneeded and would therefore leave them out in the cold (this claim, too, is disputed by numerous pundits). These two questions remain unanswered and their impact continues to be unclear; what is certain is that a combination of urge (internal Soviet considerations of an aging leadership failing to deliver on its socio-economic promises) and temptation (the seeming paralysis of American power following Vietnam, Angola and Iran) has convinced the Russians at least temporarily to stray away from the accepted rules of the game of nations, which they could be made to respect even in the worst periods of Stalinist manias and hysterias. According to the rules, direct military intervention in the Northern Tier is definitely out, non-permissible, taboo.

The Soviet occupation of Hungary and Czechoslovakia were extremely painful and regrettable human tragedies, which, however, merely confirmed the more or less accepted and inescapably obvious Russian domination of Eastern Europe. The direct, forcible Soviet occupation of a Middle Eastern country on the other hand will inevitably decisively upset the balance of power in a key, unstable part of the world, and thus definitely threatens world peace. Whether or not the Russians will find Afghanistan their Vietnam is not the real question now. Notwithstanding a great many biases to the contrary, the Soviet leaders are cautious politicians who have always respected a firm resolution to uphold a reasonable balance of power if backed with sufficient force (see the Soviet retreat from Iran in 1946).

The question is merely whether a post-Vietnam (and Watergate) America (and the so-called "free world") can muster yet again the necessary force (which is not easy, but quite possible) and credible resolution to use it if necessary (which is much difficult). Unquestionably, the West will be tested again in the 1980s; it should get off to a good start by putting its foot down in Afghanistan. Appeasement won't work any better in the 1980s than it did in the 1930s.

(Religious News Service photo)

The leaders of Israel and Egypt, Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat, meet in Aswan. Begin fondles face of Sadat's grandson, while Sadat's wife, Jehan, pats head of her other grandson. Next to her is Aliza Begin. Sadat and Begin talked about many issues, including crisis in Soviet-invaded Afghanistan. Sadat and Begin also dwelt on the current autonomy talks but failed to reach agreement on the subject.

Researcher turns spotlight on history of the SS in the growth of Nazi power

A book examining the socio-economic background of the German SS officer corps is now being written by Gunnar Boehnert, 47, a professor of history at Guelph University. A former military historian at the Royal Canadian Air Forces Staff College in Toronto, Boehnert is also a second-generation Canadian of German ancestry. The book, based upon Boehnert's doctoral thesis for the University of London in England in 1977, explodes the myth of the SS as a homogenous group of young social misfits and sadists who rose from the lowest ranks of society. Rather, the author says, as the SS grew, it attracted talented people from across the whole spectrum of society.

By BEVERLEY STERN

First of two parts

Remember baby-faced Michael Moriarty as the family-loving SS Major Erik Dorf in NBC's TV production of Holocaust?

According to Professor Gunnar Boehnert, the picture of Dorf is right on in terms of who joined the SS at a certain time and why.

"Dorf was represented as an intelligent, ambitious and unemployed lawyer who joined the SS in the mid-30s because there were no jobs elsewhere. This was very true," said Boehnert, who did a computerized study of 5,250 SS officer case histories.

"Dorf was exactly the type the SS tried to attract in order to gain respectability and status after Hitler came to power in January 1933.

"Law graduates, as a matter of fact, were the largest single professional group of the SS Fuhrerkorps," added Boehnert, whose data came from the Berlin Document Centre in West Berlin.

Located in the underground facilities of a onetime thriving spy post for the Third Reich, the Berlin Document Centre today is a goldmine of information about life in Nazi Germany from 1938. It houses some 30 million personal files revealing Nazi party correspondence, and a master file on millions of citizens and party members.

Boehnert's study covers what he calls three major phases of SS developoment: (1) the infancy periood from 1925-1930; (2) the developmental period from 1931-1934, and (3) the functional period from 1934-1939.

He stressed that "these were the peacetime years and people joined voluntarily. There was no coercion or fear of what would happen if they did not join at that time."

Over those years too, explained Boehnert, a former major in the Canadian army, the SS began to change and develop institutionally. At first, members were just "brain-bashers", but later on, particularly after Hitler came to power, they formed such units as the security service called the Gestapo, the armed SS troops, and the Death Head Units who were the concentration camp guards.

There was also the general SS, a large uniformed body which added stature and class to the huge Nazi rallies with its cadre of nobility, academics and retired army officers.

The SS, said Boehnert, made its first appearance in 1923 when it emerged in the form of a tight personal bodyguard to protect Hitler and his speakers at rallies. Called then by the name of Stosstrupp, it was forced to disband after the failure of Hitler's Munich putsch.

Upon Hitler's release from imprisonment in 1924, he again reconstructed his loyal, personal bodyguard. Boehnert described their origins as lower socio-economic. Often unemployed, they were said to have come from sturdy burgher backgrounds and possessed only mediocre intelligence.

A typical officer of the SS who joined between 1925-1930 was Ludwig Merk. A baker who served in World War I, it took him 17 years to reach the rank of captain. That was in 1943, said Boehnert, and probably Merk would not have even have risen to this rank if the Third Reich had not been desperate.

Educationally, only 32% of those early joiners ever went to high school, and only 4% qualified for university entrance. Almost 60% were under 30 years of age.

Boehnert remarked upon the SS at this time that they were like "flotsam" in an unstable era, and that they flocked to the SS because it gave them social cohesion as well as jobs.

"Once in the SS," said Boehnert, "a very disturbing phenomena took place. Although most were law-abiding citizens before they joined the SS — without any prior records of antisocial or criminal behaviour — once into the SS fold, it was as if their most primeval instincts had been released, and they became brutes, sadists — "brain-bashers."

From the beginning, members of the SS had to swear a special oath of loyalty to Hitler, who distrusted the regular German army and its traditionalism, socially and politically. It was for this reason, Boehnert maintained, that Hitler felt compelled to create his own political police system whose fidelity would be unquestioned.

Hitler is alleged to have declared that he wanted his SS men ready, if necessary, to shoot their own brothers if so commanded.

As with the Italian fascists, Hitler dramatized the appearance of his SS with a distinctive uniform. By the late 1920s, the SS wore immaculately tailored black uniforms with elegant silver facings and the death-head insignia. Worn publicly at rallies, ceremonies and social events, the uniform marked the new man on the move in Germany.

"Notwithstanding the inferior calibre of the early SS recruits, however," Boehnert observed, "that it was during this first infancy phase that such principles of racial selectivity, elitism and nationalism were assimilated into the SS code."

Members of the SS had to prove the purity of their Aryan backgrounds. The officers had to show proof of their Aryan backgrounds as far back as 1750, while lesser ranks were allowed to start at 1800.

With the appointment of Heinrich Himmler as Reichsfuhrer in 1929, Hitler unconsciously chose as chief of the SS a man who had just the right combination of fanaticism and correct social background to mount a police state that would draw the

Henrich Himmler

co-operation of the country's finest minds and talents.

Himmler brought to his tasks the fierce convictions of a super German patriot and racist. Even more rabidly than Hitler, he believed in the superiority of the Nordic Aryan peoples and the rule of the Germans as the master-race.

A member of the upper bourgeoise, a god-child of one of the members of the royal family of Bavaria, a student at an agricultural college, Himmler's social credentials helped Hitler win wide-spread public favor.

Physically, however, he was very unimpressive. Thin, narrow-shouldered, wearing a rimless prince-nez, it was difficult to recognize Himmler as a figure of authority.

Moreover, the SS at this time, while assuming more importance in its security and intelligence work, still numbered only about 200 men. Further, it was still subordinate to Hitler's mass army of storm troopers, the brown-shirted SA, whose brutal methods of winning over voters to the Nazi party was beginning to be counter-productive.

The bankers and industrialists funding Hitler for his anti-Communist activities looked upon the SA's street hooliganism with aversion.

A new man, fortuitously again for the Nazi party, appeared on the scene. His name was Reinhard Heydrich. Brilliant, socially accomplished, a talented violinist, linguist, sportsman, fencer and skier, Heydrich was picked by Himmler to be chief of the newly formed SS intelligence service called the SD — later to be merged with the Gestapo. It was this merger that would form the notorious police apparatus of the Third Reich.

As head of the SD, Heydrich used more subtle and sophisticated means to extend the power of the SS not only over old allies such as the SA but over all critics of the Nazi party.

Together, with Himmler, Heydrich now systematically proceeded to establish the SS as the most formidable instrument of power in the party. On Jan. 30, 1933, when Hitler became chancellor, the Nazi party was on its way to full power. Polished technocrats were now called for. The old days of the SS as unemployed "brain-bashing" bodyguards would soon be over.

Next week: The SS from 1931-1939

Guelph University history professor Gunnar Boehnert enters the Berlin Document Centre

Reinhard Heydrich

Astounding collection of files on Nazi party activities stored in underground Berlin Document Centre

By BEVERLEY STERN

In a bombshelter hidden beneath a farmstead surrounded by towering pine trees in the Zehlendorf area of West Berlin is the single most important cache of primary source material on the Third Reich in the whole world.

Called the Berlin Document Centre, this repository of files and documents from the earliest days of the Nazi party until the end of the war, offers a goldmine of research possibilities not only on the emergence of the "Jewish problem" but many other vital areas as well.

The first academic to gain unlimited access to the valuable archives housed in the centre was Gunnar Boehnert, a history professor from the University of Guelph, who worked solidly at the centre from 1970 to 1973.

A second-generation Canadian of German ancestry, Boehnert had also been a major in the Canadian Army. He became interested in what he calls the "social structure of the military class" during his earlier work as a military historian at the RCAF Staff College in Toronto.

Because of his special combination of background and interests, Boehnert, in 1970, asked the centre for permission to do research on the socio-economic background of the SS Fuhrerkorps from 1925-1939.

Once inside the centre, he was astounded at the staggering accumulation of data. There, in 28 archives, lay the labored efforts of a police state which undertook to record all the minutiae of human behavior which might prove useful to the purposes of the party.

There are 238,600 "racial files" established to investigate brides chosen by the SS men in order to clear any suspicion of non-Aryan blood.

Other archives include a master file on about 11 million Nazi party members — much of it with detailed biographical information. The infamous Dr. Josef Mengele's own curriculum vitae, written in his own hand, is among them.

There is a Nazi party correspondence archive of 1,482,225 files.

The whole official culture of the Nazi regime lies hidden with 185,000 more files on writers, librarians, conductors, film producers, theatre artists and architects.

Equally fascinating, he continued, are the files from the Supreme Party Court. These include disciplinary actions taken against violators of party regulations covering such infractions as embezzlement, tax avoidance, non-Aryan descent and homosexuality.

Although never publicized, the centre now quietly draws about 50 scholars a year from throughout the world. Boehnert disclosed that only accredited academics can gain access to the files.

"It is for this reason that not even Simon Wiesenthal can get in," he said.

So far, the major users of the centre are aging West Germans who want to establish proof of their government service during the Nazi years so they can establish their right to social security benefits — or paradoxically, those West Germans who want to prove publicly their disassociation from the Nazi party by showing when they dropped out.

But these West Germans asking for information are not granted access to the files. They can only submit a request for specific data.

Right now, the Berlin Document Centre is in the hands of the American government which started its grim gathering of official Nazi documents following the end of the war.

With post-war Germany reduced to a shambles, and not too many large, intact building standing, there was a serious problem of finding safe and appropriate accommodation for the massive accumulation of data from the Third Reich.

Finally, in its own sector of occupation, the American government came upon a bomb shelter which originally had been built in 1938 as a secret spying post for the Nazi party.

On top, the spy complex had the appearance of a pleasant farmstead. It had neat white cottages surrounded by pine trees, and to complete the pastoral quality, a woodland lake. Underneath, however, a vast subterranean world with intersecting tunnels and huge vaults had been built.

It was here in this underground hideaway faithful bureaucrats would sit around the clock tuning in on conversations of the suspected enemies of the Reich.

Today, security still continues at the centre in the form of barbed wire and an armed guard. All employees have to be certified anti-Nazis to get security clearance. No Russians, East Germans or other Communist block members are permitted to even enter the centre — let alone see the files.

According to Boehnert, the West German government fears a witch hunt if East Europeans ever got their hands on the files in the centre. It is largely out of this same fear of retaliation by all former victims of Nazi war crimes, that the West Germans so far have shied away from asking to take over the centre from the Americans.

The West German government simply does not want the responsibility of saying who gets access to the files.

It fears a no-win situation. If it restricts access, it would then be accused of covering up the past and protecting old Nazis. If it gave direct access to the general public, it fears it would be flooded by people seeking revenge.

Another important consideration is that the archival laws of West Germany do not permit anyone to see a file until the person named has been dead for 30 years. Also, the family of the deceased has to give its permission for the information to be revealed. These restrictions, needless to say, would put a tight lid on the contents of the centre.

Meanwhile, the Americans are busily microfilming everything in the archives. Concerned to keep this information for posterity, they're making sure that anyone in the future who wants to know why and how a man like Hitler arose, or under what circumstances the Holocaust could have happened, will not be denied the right to find out.

Letters to the Editor

Add vowels to Hebrew to modernize

I should like to call your attention that now is the ideal time to add vowels to written Hebrew. I say now because the changes that are taking place in the area of written communications mean such increased efficiency and economy that Israel must inevitably adopt these new devices. Therefore, before such expensive investments take place, a modern system of writing which includes permanent vowels should be developed in order to make clearly understood ideas and facts which, as presently written, are ambiguous or even obscure.

This would bring Hebrew literature and newspapers within the reach of at least nine million Jewish people some of whom live in Israel, who cannot read it as it is presently written.

Many precedents for change exist.

A Hebrew scholar has sent me a copy of a very clever system which he has invented for indicating vowels in Hebrew writing, mostly by changes in serifs. This system would not cost more in terms of paper and ink them current Hebrew writing but is far more readable than the clumsy "points" now in use in "easy" Hebrew.

Whatever system is finally adopted one thing is certain. Hebrew must be written with vowels if it is to become a vital force in Jewish life, a meaningful language accessible to everyone interested in it, not just to those who speak it fluently.

Mrs. Daniel Lionel,
Syosset, N.Y.

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What was said by me in The Canadian Jewish News of Nov. 29/79 was that violations of human rights by the government of Quebec was being carried out in that province. I further stated that I resented, bitterly, attempts by people in positions of leadership of the Quebec Jewish community to confuse citizens by making public statements which could easily be described as apologies for those people who accused the government of being something less than democratic.

Two courts of Quebec, the lower court, and the highest court, the Court of Appeals, have provided ample evidence to convince people who have doubts on this subject. These two courts have judged sections of Bill 101 to be invalid. The Supreme Court of Canada has also pitched in and contributed even more documented proof to demonstrate that violations of human rights by this government in the Province of Quebec have taken place.

However, the executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Jack Kantrowitz, after making public statements to the contrary, and then reiterating these ill-advised declarations in the CJN of Nov. 8/79, persists in employing a hair-splitting and obfuscating jargon at covering up those apologist remarks that would best be forgotten.

That response to my remarks by Mr. Kantrowitz in the CJN should provide sufficient evidence to convince his employers, the executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, that they have ample reason to instruct him that he attend only to matters placed before him at his desk by the community.

The subject of violations of human rights is one specific matter which the CJC should not place at the disposal of this present executive-director to speak on publicly.

Reuben Carin,
Montreal.

Spadina boys, Jacobi, the King and J.B., spellbind each other with Yiddish stories

By J.B. SALSBERG

And so, as the narrative narrates, I put on a suit fit for a king. After all, it isn't everyday that a fellow lunches with royalty. The last time I did it was a couple of years ago and there were at least one thousand social climbers that filled every seat at every table in a dining room as big as a ball park. Any chance for an intimate tete-a-tete with the British royal couple was ruined.

But here it was going to be different. Here there would be only my friend, Lou Jacobi, who, as they used to say in the Yiddish theatre, is everybody's favorite, The King of Kensington and poor (but lucky) me. I was sure that I would have no difficulty monopolizing the conversation.

And so I found myself dressed, as uncle Eliezer would say, "in esig un in honik," entering Meyer's feeding station as the clock struck 12.30. (Not since the last luncheon with British Royalty have I been on time anywhere.)

I entered and Meyer led me to a table with a card in the centre saying that it was reserved. How else? Royalty is royalty! Before I could cast disdainful glances at the lower classes that seemed to have penetrated the spacious emporium, Meyer, bursting with pride, led The King and Lou towards the reserved table.

Nu, nu! Don't ask! It seemed as if everyone there recognized The King and gawked. It also became apparent that almost everyone recognized the great Lou Jacobi, even though he reigns in the entertainment spheres of New York. And, all modesty to the winds, I honestly believe that more than a few even recognized me. And so, this reserved, this privileged, this Royal table became the centre of attention.

But did we, i.e. Lou, The King and I, your weekly ray of sunshine, did we show any awareness of the envious glances of the hoi polloi around us? We most assuredly did not. That is, we were not entirely unconscious that most eyes were on us, but made sure that they would not miss our regal indifference to their existence.

In fact we became so indifferent to what was going on around us that we quickly became habitants of another world. We were three Spadina boys quickly receding into the golden past of Spadina Ave. (or St. Lawrence, Montreal, or Main St., Winnipeg) and we quickly slipped into the old mother tongue of Spadina, we found ourselves speaking in Yiddish and sharing anecdotes in Mame Loshen (mother tongue).

After the first few warming-up minutes I began sliding into Yiddish. First it was 25% Yiddish and the balance English. After the first five minutes it became 50% Yiddish and after the first 15 minutes it became 100% mame loshen. Jacobi wasn't far behind me in the switch to Yiddish and The King not to be outpaced, kept as close to us as was possible for him.

By and by we became totally unaware of our surrounding. Al Waxman (The King, that is) told a rollicking story about an old uncle of his who was briefly in Canada ages ago, who lives in Israel and who insisted on speaking "Engelish" with his mishpoche from Canada. The old gentleman wanted to show off and impress the Israelis in the house who knew no English. It was a side-splitting story. But don't ask The King to tell that story in public...

But the show was really stolen by Jacobi. Unaware of the surrounding scene and totally indifferent to it Jacobi began to recite David Edelshtat's poem "Die Varheit" (the truth), a poem that nurtured the hope of the American Jewish sweat-shop workers towards the end of the 19th century. Jacobi's father, a religious garment worker, who was also a hazzan, nevertheless taught his young son to recite Edelshtat at union meetings. That young son, now a prominent actor, ignored the surroundings and recited that old "revolutionary song" with all the melodramatic sounds and gesticulations that he was taught as a youngster and that gained him wild applause at union gatherings.

Finally Jacobi recited, again entirely from memory, the complete monologue by M. Kaplan, called "Ich for aheim kein Vlednik," (I'm going home to Vlednik). He did it better than anyone I ever heard do that once very popular piece. (It's about a man who, after some years in America, dreams about going back to his birthplace and how he will lord it "over the greenhorns" in Vlednik.)

It was a tour de force and the King and I were fascinated by the performance. It was not done in a whispering voice either. It was done in full voice and with all the theatrics that were called for.

What did the people in that large restaurant think? Who cared! They didn't exist as far as we were concerned.

Who knows, maybe those people were also fascinated by the strange phenomenon that they saw and heard?

The nostalgic and spiritual immersion was over all too soon. The real world called us to the mundane tasks that waited for each of us. But won't you come back soon, Lou Jacobi? Won't you, Oh King, bring him for a Command Performance? Please do.

(Curtain drops slowly)

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

SERIOUS THOUGHTS

Ontario Premier William Davis is guest-speaker at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood breakfast meeting this Sunday, Jan. 27. Services are at 9:15, breakfast at 10. Tickets are available at the synagogue office or at the door.

Also on Sunday morning, Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club meets to hear Conservative MP Robert Jarvis discuss **Energy Self-Sufficiency — What Does it Mean?** The time is 9:30.

Then on Monday, the 28th, the third session of lecture series offered by the Women's Resource Centre of the Jewish Community Centre focusses on **Pushing the Right Buttons.** Lecturer is behavioral consultant Stan Shapiro. It takes place at 8 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre.

And on Tuesday, the 29th, at 8 p.m. the Yeshuran Chapter of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi will meet at the home of chapter president Cyril Newman, 88 Bannockburn Ave., to discuss **Creating Links with Israel from Canada.**

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Saturday, the 26th, is the date of the Toronto premiere of **Il Neige A Tassemit** presented by Petah Tikva Sisterhood. Performed (in French) by a Montreal troupe and starring Emmanuel Assouline and Marcel Bendavid, the comedy-drama tells the story of a couple who left their native land and are too old to start over again in a new country. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 20 Denby Ave. Tickets at the door or by calling 636-4719.

Also on Saturday, the 26th, there's the Shaar Shalom Synagogue annual Monte Carlo Night set for 8 p.m. at the Thornhill Community Centre (Bayview and John Sts.).

More fun on Saturday is the annual auction staged by Queen City Chapter B'nai B'rith Women beginning at 8 p.m. at Radomer Hall, 18 Reiner Rd. Tickets at the door.

JEWISH EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Jewish Education Program has formed a speakers' bureau. This service will provide information regarding Jewish education facilities available to students, adults and children interested in furthering their Jewish education. For information, call Sandy Ribak at 781-1081.... Another project is the Lokayach Orayach program designed to place anyone who would like to spend a Shabbat weekend or have a Shabbat meal with a traditional family. If interested, call Leah at the above number.

HEBREW DAY SCHOOL TO OPEN

The Keren Hatarbut Institute is opening the Herzl Hebrew Day School in September, 1980. The school will be located at the Adath Israel Synagogue school building, 37 Southbourne Ave. Applications are being accepted now for kindergarten and Grade 1. Every year the school will add a grade up to Grade 8. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For more information, contact Joseph Klinger at 787-0197.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI WEEKEND

The Jewish Camp Council has arranged a cross-country ski weekend for Feb. 8-10 at the Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre. The weekend is for families, singles and single parents and offers special rates and programs for children. For reservations, call Dody Rudson at the camp council office at 924-6211.

HAVE A HEART

February is Heart Month and the Ontario Heart Foundation has an urgent need for people to do door-to-door canvassing. Volunteers can do as much or as little work as they wish and will work in their own neighborhoods. Captains of teams of canvassers are also needed. For additional information, contact the Volunteer Centre North York at 481-6194.

SENIORS EVENTS

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club 50 has arranged a luncheon musicale for Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 12:15 featuring Vera Koloshansky who will sing classic and Russian songs. Make reservations in advance by phoning 781-3511.

The Continuing Education Series, sponsored by The Association of Jewish Senior Clubs, Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, and Humber College, will run on Wednesday mornings from Feb. 6 through to March 26. The topics will be ***Interpersonal Communication*** and **An Introduction to Sociology.** All sessions will be held from 9:15 to noon at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. To register, call the association at 635-2860 or Humber College at 675-3111, ext. 241.

The Centre for Creative Living is holding free income tax clinics again this year. This service is available to any senior adult able to meet the 1979 tax guidelines. Clinics will be held at the centre, 15 Hove St., daytime and evenings during the months of February, March and April, by appointment only. For further information, or to book an appointment, call 630-3200.

FOR SINGLES

The Jewish Community Centre Singles (ages 35-55) are meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 30, to discuss **Hypnotherapy** with Nathan Siegel. That's at 8 p.m. at the JCC north branch. For information, contact staff advisor Marilyn Fenton at 636-1880.

ABOUT ALIYAH

Behind the scenes of a successful aliyah is the theme of a panel discussion sponsored by the North American Aliyah Movement and Orot Yerushalayim this Saturday evening at 8:30 at the Zionist Centre. The topics to be discussed are **Children and Education in Israel** and **Helpful Suggestions Regarding Daily Life in Israel.**

AGUDATH ISRAEL NEWS

In conjunction with the Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Jewish Education Program, Agudath Israel of Toronto announces the creation of the Russian Immigrant Services and Education Project (Project RISE). As a result of a pilot project launched during the summer, Project RISE will act as a bridge providing the resources of the Jewish community in Toronto to the immigrant population recently arrived from Europe.

The organization's commission on legislation and civic action has made available a leaflet entitled **The Jewish Patient's Bill of Rights.** The purpose of the pamphlet, prepared by Agudath Israel of America, is to clarify what an observant Jewish patient may expect from a hospital administration in relation to his specific needs. The Toronto office number is 781-1081.

(Ben Lechtman photo)

Philippe De Gaspe Beaubien [right] presents copy of "Canada-Israel Friendship" to Yeshayau Anug, the Israeli ambassador to Canada.

Friendship commemorated

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

A "remarkable friendship" between two nations, one huge, the other tiny, was toasted last week at a reception attended by Jewish communal leaders, Canadian politicians, businessmen, Israeli diplomats, rabbis and clergymen.

All were on hand to mark the publication of a book two years in the making, **Canada-Israel Friendship: The First Thirty Years,** published by the Canada-Israel Committee.

Among those present at the Park Plaza Hotel were Postmaster-General and Minister of the Environment John Fraser, representing Prime Minister Joe Clark, Minister of Employment and Immigration Ron Atkey, Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry and his cabinet colleague, Tom Wells, minister of intergovernmental affairs.

Joining them was Rev. Roland de Corneille, a Toronto MP, and several candidates in the Feb. 18 federal election, including John Roberts, former secretary of state, and Rob Parker, who lost his seat to de Corneille.

The book to whose launching they had come is said to be the first comprehensive record of Canadian-Israeli relations. It was edited by Shira Bessin, CIC's director of research, and David Kaufman, a young filmmaker whose documentary on poet A.M. Klein was broadcast on the CBC recently.

Canada-Israel Friendship: The First Thirty Years includes essays, political documents and personal interviews with Canadians and Israelis who have contributed to forging the Canada-Israel relationship.

The committee which sponsored the bilingual, 144-page book was chaired by John Bassett, the publisher; Philippe De Gaspe Beaubien, a French Canadian businessman, and Sol Kanee, a Winnipeg Jewish communal leader.

Kanee praised the late Saul Hayes, the first executive-director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, for having furthered Canada-Israel ties.

Fraser, extending greetings from Prime Minister Clark, referred to the "remarkable friendship" between Canada and Israel. He said Canada and Israel shared a democratic way of life, and described the Jewish state as an "island of stability in the Middle East."

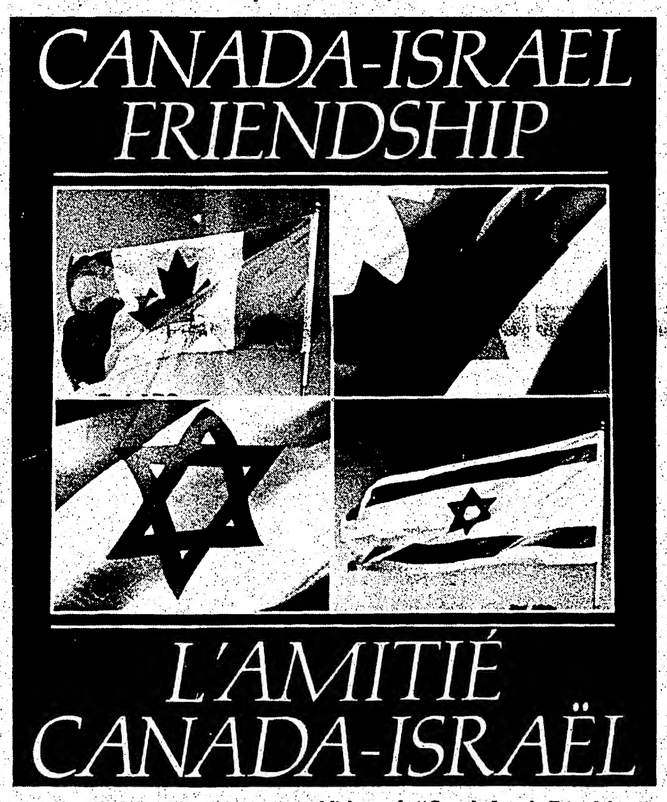
He said he trusted the friendship would continue to flourish.

Harold Buchwald, national chairman of the CIC, read a telegram from Prime Minister Clark, who noted that Canada and Israel have enjoyed "a special relationship."

In an allusion to the Jerusalem embassy affair, Fraser said that while some causes are worthy, they are not always achieved.

Earlier, De Gaspe Beaubien presented a copy of the book to Fraser, and read excerpts from its introduction.

Israel's ambassador to Canada, Yeshayau Anug, in a very brief address, paid tribute to the "splendid story" of Canadian-Israeli ties.



The Canada-Israel Committee is publisher of "Canada-Israel Friendship."

...about people

Pearl Langer, former program consultant for CBC Toronto 5's "From Now On," (Thursday mornings at 9), has been named as the program's new co-host, joining **Gordon Jocelyn** in providing a vital forum for senior adults. As an active volunteer, Mrs. Langer became immersed in the field of gerontology (the aging process) and geriatrics (medical care for older people). She founded Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly and among other things was a prime mover in the Meals on Wheels program, served on the mayor's task force for the elderly and disabled, and worked with the United Way and the Canadian Institute on Religion and Gerontology. In 1975, Mrs. Langer was one of 25 women honored by the government of Ontario for their contribution to the community in International Women's Year.

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The 1979 winner of the annual Myer Sharzer Award in Journalism is **Kirk Makin,** one of the most outstanding students in his year, according to D.H. Butler, awards officer at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. The award, organized a number of years ago by friends and family in memory of Myer Sharzer to commemorate his many years of service to the Canadian Jewish community. Award-winner Makin is now employed with The Globe and Mail in Toronto.

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Imagine having six days in Cairo with stopovers in Paris and Nice to look forward to, all courtesy of Air France! That was the big prize drawn at the gala party for King Tut volunteers at the Art Gallery of Ontario (the bill was footed by Air France). And the lucky winner is Toronto family physician **Dr. Brenda Kane,** who had done a weekly stint at the AGO every Wednesday morning from 7:30 to 10 a.m. during the exhibit. Dr. Kane says she hopes to be making the trip in October.

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At the 72nd annual convention of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity held in Tel Aviv recently, **Dr. Gordon Perlmutter** was re-elected international secretary. Dr. Perlmutter, who is in general practice in Toronto, is a past president of the Toronto Academy of Dentistry and currently serves as chairman of the 1980 convention of the Ontario Dental Association. Alpha Omega represents 18,000 dentists throughout the world and is dedicated to education and philanthropic activities relating to dentistry and health.

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Toronto artist **Howard Fox,** spending the year in Israel, is having a show of his work in Tel Aviv running Feb. 9-29 at the Shinar Gallery on Pinsker St. For this exhibit the 24-year old York University fine arts graduate created 20 new pen and ink drawings, predominantly on Israeli themes. His latest Toronto show was at the Gadatsy Gallery in June.

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Director of communications with the Canada Israel Committee since March 1976, **Nick Simmonds** is now with the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism as manager, editorial and information services. All of which means that his boss, in effect, is **Larry Grossman** and **Simmonds** will be working closely with the minister's office to promote and publicize policies and programs of the ministry.

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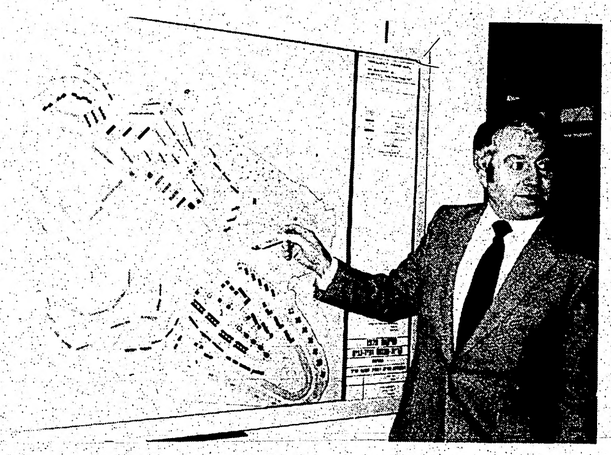

The progress is real and continuing.

Jack Chisvin, chairman of the Toronto liaison committee, has reported these highlights from Kiryat Menachem, the Jerusalem slum neighbourhood the Toronto Jewish community has personally "adopted".

- ☐ 184 new flats are already under construction, 70 of which will house new immigrants and young couples and the rest will go to the neediest of existing neighbourhood residents.
- ☐ Plans are underway for the renovation and enlarging of the badly overcrowded existing housing which will be the major building emphasis.
- ☐ Teachers and social workers involved in the program are being moved right into the neighbourhood so, as actual members of the community, they will understand the needs of the people they hope to help.
- ☐ The steering committee that supervises the planning of the program includes residents of Kiryat Menachem who are able to help in establishing priorities.
- ☐ Members of the Toronto liaison committee of Project Renewal are in close contact with Jerusalem, visiting the community, monitoring the activities and making certain the dollars raised are being used effectively and efficiently.

Jack Chisvin is optimistic about the progress to date and the realization of the total program. "Physical rehabilitation is only one phase," he says. "The overall aim is to improve the quality of life of the 9,000 residents by providing them with social, recreational and child care services which have been completely lacking.

In this way, we hope to develop a sense of pride in the community."

A simple and basic need: pride in the community. As we have in ours in Toronto, so should they have in theirs in Jerusalem.

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Organizations and People

The material in this column was supplied and space purchased by the United Jewish Appeal.

Comparing lists of prospects to contact following breakfast meeting of Special Targets committee, are, from the left: Julie Wise, Sheldon Sper, Barry Tissenbaum, Michael Benjamin [chairman], Michael Kerbel and Ira Gerstein.

Those of us who came out to the breakfast meeting of the Special Targets committee last week, were treated to a first-rate performance by the team of **Barry Tissenbaum** and **Sheldon Sper.**

The two are co-chairmen of the Young Executives division, a group which keeps topping its own canvassing record year after year. Tissenbaum and Sper re-enacted a number of face to face and telephone canvassing techniques, using almost every turnoff a canvasser may encounter. They didn't have all the answers, but they did illustrate some effective methods of dealing with thorny situations when they do arise.

Michael Benjamin, Special Targets chairman, joined in, adding a few pointers that Barry and Sheldon didn't think of, as did **Julie Wise** and **Michael Kerbel.**

It was an educational **and** entertaining morning.

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It's telethons and more telethons — in all, there have been six between the 14th and 21st of January.

Fifteen telethoners showed up at 150 Beverly for a combined Synagogue and B'nai B'rith telethon and I gather that 450 cards were covered during the evening, mainly cards of former non-contributors.

Sigmund Kuperstein must have felt he hit the jackpot when he secured a $1,000 pledge. Others who joined him for the evening were **Irving Gold, Nat Hurwich, Casper Koffler, William Leibach, Jules Revich, Al Rich, David Stokes, J. Switzman, Lorie Rosenfield, Moe Freedman, Bernard Noyek, James Blugerman, Mendel Strul, Jeffrey Kantor.**

And 150 Beverley was also the location for a General Mercantile telethon which raised $26,000. Considering there were only five men on the phones, that's a very respectable figure. Our thanks to **Sid Beard, John Berger, Herb Finkelstein, Larry Gluckstein** and **Dave Green.**

Mike Harris and **Alan Lerman** are lining up a telethon for the Apparel division on February 4. With **Marsha Friedlander** handling all the organizational details, they are confident that they will have a big turnout and assure me they expect to clean up a good many cards.

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Thirty-five University of Toronto students participated in a leadership development training session, organized by **Larry Wolynetz.**

"Before we can get on the phones and ask for pledges, we have to familiarize ourselves with all the community resources and the needs that UJA helps to fund through the campaign," said Jewish Student Union chairman, **Helen Singer.** "Education is a key component of the student campaign."

Following the session, each student made his or her pledge before getting on the phones. Two more telethons were held during the week and another is planned for the near future.

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Great news from Temple Sinai. **Dr. Heather Morris,** the president, and **Irving Lapidus,** the UJA chairman, have advised me that the **entire** board of the Temple will be involved in canvassing its membership for UJA.

This is an unusual and very gratifying move on the part of the board. Normally, canvassing in the synagogues is done by a small group or perhaps even one or two members of the congregation who are committed to UJA. But this is the first time, as far as I can recall, that the whole board has accepted the responsibility. No question here that the UJA, as our advertising states, is "the only one that keeps us one."

My thanks to Dr. Norris, Mr. Lapidus and the Temple Sinai board for their splendid co-operation.

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CANVASSER OF THE WEEK-- We are **not** going to advocate a UJA sabbatical to stir up the juices for future campaigning by our canvassers. However, that seems to be the case for this week's candidate, **Sid Beard,** co-chairman of the Automotive group. Sid, who headed the group in the 1973-74 campaign, had kept a low UJA profile for a number of years until he resurfaced for the 1980 campaign, with renewed vitality and enthusiasm. In addition to canvassing in his own division, he is actively involved as a member and canvasser of the Special Targets committee, as well as Major Gifts. Welcome back, Sid, and please, no more UJA sabbaticals!

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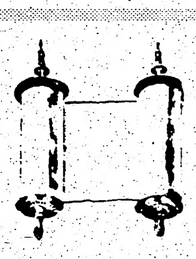

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bo
Weekly Halacha: It is forbidden to interrupt a parent when he speaks, or bluntly tell him he's wrong.

A dog can't help being a dog — but a person should never conduct himself like a dog.

There was a certain rabbi who was known to take bribes. Once, two litigants came before him in a din Torah. One of them knew his reputation, and whispered in his ear a substantial gift if he would see things his way. However, the other litigant soon also heard about the rabbi's gift, and also offered money.

The next day, the rabbi did not want to alienate any of his patrons, and remained absolutely silent.

One of the litigants remarked to him. "Rabbi, now I understand why the verse says that when the Jews escaped from Egypt, — lo **yecheratz kelev lshono** — not one dog barked. Our rabbis teach that when the Angel of Death comes to the city, the dogs cry. And when Elijah the prophet comes to preach redemption, the dogs are happy. Now the night that the Jews left Egypt, both the Angel of Death was there to kill the Egyptians, and the Almighty was there to bring redemption — so the dogs were confused and silent. I see you are also caught between two sides..." (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

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Why didn't the dogs bark when the First Born were killed? After all, a dog is so faithful to its master — why should they be silent?

But it teaches...whenever a natural disaster is about to occur, an earthquake, a tremendous storm or plague, animals — and especially dogs, — are sensitive. In California, they are studying the animals in an attempt to determine when the next earthquake will strike.

The Almighty kept the dogs quiet so that no one should think that the death of the First Born was a natural phenomenon. It was an act of G-d, meant to show the Egyptians that G-d rules the world.

A Jew must never believe in accidents, coincidences, a run of bad luck. There is a purpose in everything. G-d talks to us by what we see and hear. But we have to have eyes and ears.

There has been a terrible thing going on in Toronto for the last few years. The community has suffered a terrible spate of **mitot meshunot,** beloved and respected members of the community who have met violent deaths. Toronto is supposed to be a safe city, yet we Jews have endured too many tragedies.

Every Jew must reflect to himself. Is there no pattern? Is it just chance? Is this not a time when each Jew, and the organized community, must do Teshuva, turn closer to G-d, search his ways? No one can read G-d's mind. **Hanistarot l'Hashem** — the Hidden Things belong to G-d. But...But...

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When G-d was ready to take the Jews out of Egypt, to make them a people. He gave Moses the first commandment....

"Hachodesh hazeh lachem....This month shall be for you the first month"...The Hebrew word for month is chodesh...Chodesh means month, but it also means newness, freshness.

G-d told the Jewish people — up to now, you were just slaves. You worked day and night. Each day was the same as the other. But now **hachodesh hazeh lachem!** Now you have freshness! Now you have an element of time! Each day is different. Each month is different. There must be a freshness and newness in your lives.

A Jew should never be bored with his Jewishness. Every day should be a new experience, a new beginning. Every day a Jew is born again, must discover G-d again. Every Shabbat must be a new Gan Eden, a new Olam Haboh. A Jew should always be a child of G-d, innocent, refreshed, willing to discover Him.

The word chodesh — newness — and the word kodesh — holiness — are first cousins. Holiness means always being fresh, new, sharp.

May G-d call an end to the suffering of our people, and may we see the dawn of a new day of peace and happiness. Shabbat Shalom.

CJN readers score a record in Dollars for David project

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish News readers across Canada poured more money into the Chanukah Dollars for David project than ever before.

Contributions came from Jewish communities in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

The project, which started right after the Yom Kippur War in 1973, was to take care of gifts for the 21,000 children in nurseries, kindergartens and day and night homes run by Pioneer Women, the women's Labour Zionist Organization of Canada.

Ages of the children in these Pioneer-operations are from newborn to age six.

Lorraine Levine, executive secretary for Pioneer Women, declined to disclose the amount of money raised, except to say, "the amount raised exceeded all our hopes."

Among the letters received by Pioneer women from contributing children were three letters from a family in Kitchener: Melissa Sasberg, 9, and her sisters, Alana, 11, and Avi, 12.

Avi wrote: "This Chanukah we are skipping one present — the biggest one from my parents — and the money that would have been used gets sent to your organization. I hope this money helps children have a better Chanukah."

Her sister, Alana, expressed the hope that "this money goes for a good cause."

Sara Papoff, 7, of Toronto, told Pioneer Women that she gave 52 cents from her allowance "for the children in Israel who don't have enough money to buy clothes and food and nice toys."

Sara added wistfully: "I hope soon that Israel will be at peace, and there will be no more wars."

Mrs. Levine said that the many letters received were not only "delightful" but showed a "warmth and generosity" from the young contributors.

A lot of cottage cheese for those keeping kosher

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

In an informal survey conducted by The Canadian Jewish News of six Metro Toronto hospitals it was learned that only two — Branson Hospital and Toronto General Hospital — charged patients an extra amount if kosher meals are provided.

The survey was conducted after Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports were received saying that the University Hospital of the New York University's medical centre has been criticized by the National Council of Young Israel for billing patients for kosher food.

Besides Branson Hospital and the TGH, The CJN contacted Mount Sinai, Western, Scarborough General and North York General Hospital. Janine Pearlman, a spokesman for Mount Sinai, said there was no extra charge for the kosher meals.

Kathleen Wright, public relations director for Western Hospital, said kosher food is seldom asked for at Western, but when it is requested frozen meals are provided at no extra cost to the patient.

At the North York General Hospital, Eleanor Bracewell, assistant chief dietician, said, "The patients just have to ask for kosher food and it's provided at no extra charge."

"There aren't too many requests for kosher food," she pointed out, saying that many of the patients will try the kosher TV dinners once and then go back to non-kosher food. Mrs. Bracewell did mention that fish and vegetarian diets are also provided for patients who want to observe kashrut, but who don't like the TV dinners.

At Branson Hospital the food services director, Elsie Sokol, told The CJN that there aren't many requests for kosher food, but the meals can be provided for $2.50, which is billed to the patient when their stay is through. Once again, the kosher meals are of the frozen type.

Mrs. Sokol said, "Fish is provided at no extra charge and many people just take the vegetarian diet."

Margaret McCrimmon, a dietary technician at Scarborough General Hospital, said there are no kosher facilities at her hospital, "but we do our best to accommodate patients who keep kosher."

Mrs. McCrimmon said there is no extra charge to patients because all her department does is modify its menu. She said the patients get plenty of cottage cheese "and things like that, but there is no lack of proper nutrition."

She pointed out that some patients' family bring them special meals which the hospital heats up in its kitchen. Also paper plates and plastic cutlery will be provided on request. Mrs. McCrimmon felt that if there were a lot of requests for kosher meals — which there are not — then the hospital would probably bring them in from Baycrest or have them delivered by Meals-on-Wheels.

At the Toronto General Hospital patients requesting kosher meals have to pay $1.50 extra for the frozen TV dinners. However, Doris Anglin, assistant director of nutrition, said there is no extra charge for meals consisting of fish or cottage cheese. She said, once again, that there weren't too many requests for kosher food. "We visit the patients and explain that we have no kosher kitchen and the majority seemed satisfied with meals of fish or eggs or cottage cheese."

However, as pointed out earlier, things don't appear to be so simple in New York. Nathaniel Saperstein, president of Young Israel, seems to feel the surcharging for kosher meals "is clearly discriminatory and smacks of anti-Semitism."

Saperstein added: "What makes this situation especially galling is the fact the major hospital insurance companies do consider kosher food as a normal expense and reimburse the hospital for it.

"In all the cases which have come to our attention, the patients were insured. Not only does the hospital bill them improperly in the first place, but they are billed even though the kosher diets are paid for by their insurance policies."

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The conference will celebrate the 100th anniversary of ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training), which was founded in Russia in 1880.

Mrs. Dorothy Shoichet, national president, Women's Canadian ORT, said: "The objective of the conference is to examine ORT's highly successful skills-training experience and identify solutions that may be appropriate in alleviating Canada's acute shortage of skilled manpower."

Dorothy Shoichet

Mrs. Shoichet said that since the Federal Government legislated financial help to Canada's community colleges in 1967, much progress has been made. But fast-changing technology, cutbacks in skilled immigrant labour, and the accelerated entry of women into the work force has left Canadian industry short of specialized workers.

"As the world's largest non-governmental vocational education system, ORT has 100 years of experience in assessing potential needs for skilled labor and in setting up specialized vocational training programs to fill those needs," she added.

The ORT-OISE Conference will be held at the OISE building, 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto. It is open to people from business, industry, labor, government, educational institutions.

Mrs. Shoichet said that Women's Canadian ORT has pledged one million dollars to ensure the continuation of the excellence of ORT vocational and Jewish education. To achieve the goal, Women's Canadian ORT has created the Builders of the dream program, calling for 100 donors of $10,000 each. The project is being organized by Edward Bronfman, Montreal, chairman; Ruth Druxerman, Winnipeg, vice-chairman; Anne Teitelman, Hamilton; Sheila Rubinoff, Toronto; Sharon Bleviss, Edmonton; and Muriel Levine, Ottawa.

Principal speakers include Ron Atkey, Minister of Employment and Immigration; Robert Elgie, Ontario Minister of Labor; Dr. Vladimir Halperin, director, World ORT Union, Geneva; and Maurice Aboudaram, assistant director, operations, World ORT Union. Dr. Douglas Light, president, George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology, Toronto, will deliver the opening address.

ORT now operates vocational training and technical assistance programs in 27 countries, including Israel, where 20% of the labour force is ORT-trained. More than 1.5 million people of all ages have graduated from ORT institutions and programs.

"We are a Jewish people's movement, but we try to help people everywhere, regardless of race, creed or political affiliation," Mrs. Shoichet said.

Big year for stamp collectors

stamps

By CHAIM YEHUDA

Israeli stamp collectors expect another interesting year. The Philatelic Services, Tel Aviv recently released their tentative program of new issues for their next operating year which runs from April 1980 to March 1981. As in past years, this list may be modified to meet unforeseen circumstances.

Apr. 1980 — Memorial Day (single); Jerusalem Artistic Works (three stamps); Magen David Adom, 50th Anniversary (two stamps).

July 1980 — Festivals (three stamps); Gush Ezion (single).

Sept. 1980 — National Exhibition Haifa (souvenir sheet); Children's Games (three stamps).

Dec. 1980 — Golda Meir (single); Nature — Trees (three stamps); Landscapes (single).

Feb. 1981 — Personalities (three stamps); Energy (three stamps).

Additional "stand-by" stamps will be released as needed for postal rate changes. Stamp denominations are not known at this time due to the tremendously high rate of inflation in Israel.

The **January 1980** issues are: Landscapes — The Sorek Cave (single, I.L. 50.00), Centenary of ORT (single, I.L. 13.00), and Thistles (three stamps, I.L. 0.50, 5.50, and 8.50).

Subscription service is available by writing to: Philatelic Services, Ministry of Communications, 12 Jerusalem Blvd., Tel Aviv — Yafo 61 080. It is estimated that the total value of these stamps (including the January issues) will amount to approximately $18 per one set of stamps. Since postage and registration are expensive, one should order directly only if buying at least several of each issue.

The Philatelic Services also sell in addition to singles with tabs, first day covers, plate blocks, full sheets usually 15 stamps), bottom rows of stamps with tabs, and postal stationary (e.g. air letters). Some back issues and the current definitives are always available and can be ordered separately.

I have always found the the service excellent. It is thrilling to receive a registered package from Israel — A shipment was mailed to me during the 1973 War!

EDUCATOR'S AWARD

Rabbi Aaron Levine, principal of Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva High School [centre], gets Educator's Award at 36th annual dinner of Torah Umesorah. At left is Joseph Kaminetsky, national director. Moses Feuerstein, chairman, Torah Umesorah executive committee, is seen at the right.

Group stages protest against Jews for Jesus

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

About 30 Jewish male youths chanting slogans demonstrated outside of a north Toronto hotel recently to protest the activities of a Jews for Jesus congregation — Congregation Melech Yisrael (CMY).

The congregation was holding its regular prayer and Bible study meeting inside rented rooms in the hotel. Police broke up the peaceful but vocal demonstration at 10 p.m., about 1½ hours after it started.

Meir Halevi, 22, leader of the Toronto Jewish Defence League, said that the demonstrators, from the ages of 16-22, were from an umbrella group called Jews for Judaism.

Some of the demonstrators were also former members of messianic Jewish groups.

Jews for Judaism includes students from B'nei Akiva, the National Council for Synagogue Youth and the Jewish Defence League.

(JDL in Canada is primarily concerned with raising Jewish self-consciousness rather than involvement in political activism as is the case with its U.S. counterpart.)

Halevi, who had a one-time involvement with a Jews for Jesus group, said he knew about 10 people who belonged to CMY — some of whom had parents who had called him because the children had left home.

Lubavitcher Rabbi Immanuel Shochet, a leader in the battle to confront organizations such as the CMY, said that, "CMY is just one of the missionary cults preying on Jewish youngsters in Toronto and vicinity."

Rabbi Shochet was present at the demonstration and spoke to reporters.

He estimated that anywhere from 50-150 Jews could be involved in various Jews for Jesus groups in Toronto.

"There is a deliberate attempt," he said, "to convey the image of a Jewish congregation with the use of tallit, tefillen, skullcaps, mezuzahs and even a Torah scroll.

"But in fact the leaders are whole or half-Gentiles who are professional soul snatchers," remarked the rabbi who said he had spoken to about 200 Jewish youths who at one time belonged to Jews for Jesus groups.

"All these messianic groups," he stressed, "are front organizations for Christian fundamentalist movements to lure Jews into Christianity under the illusion of retaining their Jewishness.

CMY was a good example of the subtle methods used, he asserted. "It works very slowly and persistently at getting an emotional tie-in. The religious aspect is kept very low key. Once it generates an emotional dependence, then it brings in the religious element.

"CMY does not use isolated controlled environments, but it operates primarily on the emotional level rather than the rational," he said.

Rabbi Shochet said his experience showed that though messianic movements appealed to all kinds of people at all ages, the common denominator was a lack of religious sophistication to refute the scriptural arguments advanced by the messianic leaders.

Inside the hotel where CMY was holding a bible study and prayer meeting, spiritual leader Hans Vanderwerff, 50, told The CJN that the congregation started about 1976 with a group of Jewish believers in Christ as the messiah.

Born in Holland, he described himself as a businessman, and denied he ever called himself either rabbi or minister — as accusers frequently allege.

"I have never knocked on doors or handed out tracts," he said. He repudiated the cultic practises of the Moonies, and called himself a messianic believer who was concerned to bring the Jews back to a spiritual union with the "true" word of God.

"To be complete," he said, "Jews must accept the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ as the only path to redemption.

"We never use the word 'convert'," he advised. "Just the word 'complete'."

Vanderwerff revealed that congregational funds are raised by tithing members 1/10 of their incomes, but that there is no pressure applied. The congregation is said to be self-supporting.

There is confusion, however, about the costs of renting rooms three times a week. While one member felt the rental was no more than about $100 a month, a call to the hotel revealed that the costs would be at least $155 a week.

Vanderwerff told The CJN that there were about 16 other CMY congregations in North America, and that CMY was a charter member of the Messianic Jewish Congregations, Inc.

Of the approximately 16 gathered for the bible and prayer at CMY, at least half were Jewish-born, women as well as men, and ranging in age from early 20s to 50s.

They revealed varying commitments to Judaism before joining CMY, from Orthodox to non-observant. Those spoken to claimed that "they have a feeling of coming home at last."

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As compiled by the Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress.

By ZEHAVA KLEINERT

TORONTO —

The Kosher Information Service of the Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress, in cooperation with the Canadian Jewish News presents mini-listings of butcher shops, bakeries, restaurants, pulbic institutions and other services to assist members of the community who are interested in kashruth. It will help consumers to recognize supervised and certified products and services.

The listings are certified and supervised by the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth. Chairman is Rabbi Gedalia Felder. Vice Chairman is Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner. All products and services carry the familiar COR symbol or the recognized kashruth sign for shops under the supervision of the Vaad.

The division will assist in preparing a series of articles on the food laws, health and food preparations and the availability of kosher products.

In extending the education program of the Orthodox Division, Yitchak Feldman, chairman, said:

"We are presenting these programs to educate the general public because a knowledgeable consumer guarantees the purchase of rabbinically supervised products."

Suggestions and questions may be sent to the Orthodox Division, CJC, 150 Beverley Street, Toronto, M5T 1Y6.

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Shabbaton Torah tour hits Halifax

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Congregation Beth Israel in Halifax, and its spiritual leader Rabbi Marvin Pritzker, hosted a Torah Tour Shabbaton program the weekend of January 18. The program was co-ordinated by Rabbi Ruby Wolbromsky, assistant to the director of the Department of Youth Services of the Division of Communal Services of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University in New York City.

Zachary Novoseller, a rabbinic student at the seminary, and an alumnus of Yeshiva University, together with Toby Urman, a senior at Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women, served as advisors and youth leaders for the program, which drew teenagers from Halifax, St. Johns, Newfoundland, and Moncton and Fredericton, New Brunswick.

The Torah Tour program, now in its sixth successful year, is designed to expose communities to the principles and philosophy of traditional Judaism through discussion groups and the Shabbot experience.

The Division of Communal Services serves Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, as well as Israel, South and Central America, Australia and South Africa through outreach to the young, service to the elderly, and other educational, communal, religious and social programs. It functions through five departments: Rabbinic Services, Synagogue Services, Youth Services, Educational Services and Cantorial Placement.

Woes fan fears

NEW YORK, [JTA] —

Israel's growing economic woes, reflected in a three-digit inflation rate, and the government's new austerity program are threatening to bring about a severe reduction, or outright elimination, of vital social services for women and children in Israel, Nava Arad, chairwoman of Na'amat, the Histadrut women's organization, warned here.

In a special interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Arad expressed concern that unless new financial resources are found, a score of social educational, cultural and welfare projects, operated and sponsored by Na'amat, which has a membership of 720,000 and is the largest women's organization in Israel, might be affected.

"The Israeli woman is required today to struggle in order to earn a livelihood and to maintain a basic standard of living," she said. "We are concerned that the worsening economic situation and the growing unemployment will hit women first, forcing them to go on welfare." She observed that with the growing economic difficulties the services provided by Na'amat assume an even greater importance.

Arad said she is in the United States for a two-week fund-raising tour sponsored by Pioneer Women, the American sister organization of Na'amat.

More Russian Jews coming to settle soon in Saskatoon

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

SASKATOON —

A Brit Milah, in celebration of the circumcision of the eight-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Boris Golubev, took place in Saskatoon's Agudas Israel Synagogue recently. The event was unique because the Golubevs are the first Russian Jewish family to settle permanently in this western community. They have been there for close to two years.

There are 15 Russian Jews now living in Saskatoon and this was one of the main topics of discussion at the recent annual meeting of the Saskatoon congregation.

All the Russian Jews who have moved to Saskatoon in the past two years have been assisted in their resettlement entirely through the volunteer efforts of the Jewish community.

Dr. David Kaplan, the synagogue president, is currently heading the Saskatoon refugee committee, which is not only assisting the Russian Jews but also resettling a family of Vietnamese Boat People. To date, two teen-age Vietnamese brothers are being looked after from a special fund raised by the Jewish community for this purpose.

More Russian Jewish immigrants are expected in Saskatoon, including the possibility of an extended family of 15 people. Concern was expressed about the ability of the community to look after so many immigrants with volunteer help only.

Rabbi Saul Diament holds the Torah at Agudas Israel Synagogue, Saskatoon.

'Destroy Israel'

NEW YORK —

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) declared that "in five years we shall proclaim a Palestine government and in 15 years we hope to destroy Israel."

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Families devoted to Zionism

By MILTON WINSTON

Media hysteria and deliberate misunderstanding of the motives of the settlers in Judea and Samaria has prevented an objective evaluation of what is being done in this area by families devoted to the Zionist cause. It is not difficult to understand that the non-Jewish press would castigate the efforts of Jewish settlers and would attempt to pervert their motives to fit into the norms and the categories best suited to placate the oil-producing Middle East countries.

However, it is difficult to digest the proposition that the North American Jewish community press would be so against Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria. To try to find out for ourselves, the television crew and executive producer of **Jewish Mosaic**, a Montreal program, visited five settlements in the administered territories, or the so-called West Bank of the Jordan last summer.

Our purpose was simple — to discover the motives and intentions of the ordinary settler. In fact we deliberately avoided spokesmen of the Gush Emunim and attempted to find ordinary persons who were living in the controversial area.

Our first visit was to Ophira, a few kilometres from Jerusalem. There we met and interviewed Gershon Kramer, originally from Queens, New York. He was a young man with a family whose main purpose was to fulfil the biblical return of the Jewish people to the land where Abraham came and where Abraham was told that his seed would live in this country forever. He was not a fanatic; but he was Orthodox.

Ophira is one of the first settlements built in Samaria after the 1967 war. It is not an agricultural settlement but an industrial one. The impressions left by this young man was that he was a new type of chalutz, a pioneer in the redemption of the land not for himself but for the Jewish people as a whole.

This devotion to the Jewish people as a collective experience is not a new phenomena; but it is in relationship to a religious commitment to the Jewish homeland as expressed in the term of collective settlement.

The first impression that this is an extension of the chalutz movement as first developed by the Labor movement in the 18-1900s. This idealism appears to have shifted to the Orthodox community and in fact is reflected in their increased numbers making aliyah. These young men and women are fulfilling a biblical directive and not a socialist manifesto.

The second of the five settlements we visited was Beth El, a few miles from Ophira. Again we attempted to find a person or a member of a family who would speak to us about their decision to live in this area. It is a primitive settlement which appeared to be perched on a rock, a piece of uncultivateable Judean desert.

We found Helen Bohrer, formerly from Washington Heights, New York, and whose dress immediately indicated that she was Orthodox. Her reason for being in Beth El was similar to the first interviewee, namely that she wanted a Jewish experience and wanted to redeem the biblical land. Her concept was that Judea and Samaria is and was always the heartland of the Jewish national homeland.

She is the mother of eight children, four boys and four girls. She pointed out that this was the centre of the Jewish homeland and the area where the Maccabees arose to regain the sovereignty of the Jewish nation. We drove near the ancient biblical city of Schechem close to the Arab city of Nablus and stopped at the controversial settlement of Elon Moreh.

We talked to a third generation Jerusalemite who had decided to make Elon Moreh her home together with her husband and their four young children. Mirium Lapid was adamant in her determination to settle within Samaria.

It was an article of faith that Judea and Samaria is Jewish although there are more than 700,000 Arabs living within the territories. Her husband is a professor at the Hebrew University and was one of the first "prisoners of Zion" who came from Russia.

It was also his determination to settle there and he was organizing other groups of Russian immigrants to open other settlements in Samaria.

We also visited Kaddum and Shavi Shomron where we found the same approach to this land. The persons we talked to were not the politicians and were picked from random. It was difficult not to leave them with a feeling of admiration and a hope that what they were doing would succeed.

This encounter made us realize that there was a new element in Israel and this element was a real belief in the Bible and in God and the covenant which God made with the Jewish people.

We have become so secularized that we can not believe that this belief is the basis of the right of the Jewish people to the land of Israel.

We have become ashamed to say that our right is based on not only our devotion to the land and the fact that it was the centre of a Jewish state 2,000 years ago, but in fact the Bible states that this land is Jewish land.

It is important to realize that if we reject the Jewish settlers in Judea and Samaria we reject the Jewish peoples' title deeds to the state of Israel.

We left Israel with a deep feeling that this new chalutz spirit stemming from the deep roots of Judaism must be successful if Israel is to survive.

Milton Winston is the Canadian Zionist Federation's director of public relations for the Eastern Region.

Bridging the gap is program to fight root causes of poverty

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

HAIFA, Israel —

Inflation is Israel's most visible domestic problem, but poverty may be its most serious one.

At Haifa University, a group of idealistic Israelis is trying to alleviate some of its root causes through an ambitious educational program called Bridging the Gap.

Since poverty is a dirty word in Israel, the phrase "social gap" is invariably used to describe the great socio-economic gap that divides the poor — overwhelmingly Sephardic Jews — from the well-off, usually Jews of European, or Ashkenazic origin.

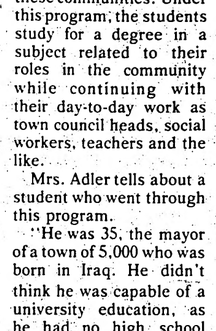
Sephardim comprise more than half of Israel's Jewish population, yet they make up only one-sixth of the nation's university enrolment. On a per capita basis, they earn considerably less than Ashkenazi Jews.

Large numbers of Sephardim live in development towns in the Galilee and in the Negev. It is precisely in these towns that a higher education is seemingly unattainable. Because of the dearth of educational and cultural facilities, young people emigrate to the coastal plain, sapping the strength of the development town upon which Israel has placed so much hope and treasure.

Haifa University's Bridging the Gap program, directed by Arlette Adler since its inception in 1974, is a brave new attempt at broadening educational opportunities for disadvantaged Sephardic Jews, and preventing a polarization of Israel's Jewish population on the basis of national origin. Assisted financially by the Sephardic Federation and the World Zionist Organization, the scheme is now helping some 900 young men and women in attaining what they once thought was beyond their reach — a university education. Similar programs have been adopted by Israel's other universities.

Mrs. Adler, a warm, engaging person who is known and respected throughout the university, is the ideal candidate to run Bridging the Gap.

Born in Beirut, she is half Sephardic and half Ashkenazic. Her father's family goes back five generations in Lebanon, which she left in 1948. Her mother's forebears hail from Palestine, Germany and Romania.



Arlette Adler

Prior to being named director, she was an administrator. Her husband Joseph, a dentist, was born in Cairo. She and her family live in a lovely cottage overlooking a partially wooded ravine.

Bridging the Gap, she explains, is composed of three basic programs — the Community Leadership program, the Training of Future Leadership program and the Consul program.

Each is geared for a different type of student, yet each serves a common purpose.

The first was established to answer a critical problem plaguing developing and underprivileged areas of Israel — the lack of a well-trained local leadership able to meet the pressing needs of these communities. Under this program, the students study for a degree in a subject related to their roles in the community while continuing with their day-to-day work as town council heads, social workers, teachers and the like.

Mrs. Adler tells about a student who went through this program.

"He was 35, the mayor of a town of 5,000 who was born in Iraq. He didn't think he was capable of a university education, as he had no high school diploma. I convinced him that he needed a university education to succeed at the job.

"He was full of doubts about his abilities, of the difficulties he would have. He had the impression of a university as an ivory tower."

Today, a few years later, this man has a BA and is currently studying for an MA in political science. "His personality has changed," she says, beaming, obviously proud of his achievement. "He's more self-assured. He used to be intimidated by knowledge, but no more. Now he can meet government officials on an equal basis. Now he's secure about having educated people surrounding him. That benefits him and the town."

Sephardic students loll on the grassy campus of Haifa University. They belong to the Bridging the Gap program, an ambitious project to fight culture of poverty

The second part of Bridging the Gap is meant for younger students in their twenties who have shown leadership qualities during their national service. Like their older compatriots in the Community Leadership program, they are eligible for academic and financial aid, including full scholarships. In return, they commit themselves to live and work in a development town for one year for every year they received assistance.

While studying, they also volunteer as tutors and instructors in underdeveloped areas.

"Usually, in their first year at university, they're lost," Mrs. Adler says. "For them it's a jungle. They can't manage. Despite this, only 10% or so drop out, compared to 20% for other students. They drop out for various reasons: family, economic, personal, academic. Some of them eventually return."

One of their problems, she admits, is that these students must take on part-time jobs to get by. "Ideally, they should be studying all the time." She hopes the problem will be partially solved through the introduction of heftier scholarships.

The third aspect of Bridging the Gap, the Consul program, is a miniature Peace Corps. University alumni, particularly those who were recipients of scholarships, recruit and encourage bright young people from their areas to enroll at Haifa University.

The consuls organize seminars and lectures by university faculty and arrange visits to the campus so that would-be students can see first-hand what a university is all about.

Mrs. Adler knows that the university is performing a signal service to the state through Bridging the Gap. "The problem of Sephardic disaffection is a time bomb in Israeli society," she says. "If our leaders are intelligent they'll encourage these programs, which can prevent a social explosion in our country."

She adds that government and university officials appreciate the importance of Bridging the Gap. "I'm received well by them because they understand you can't sweep such a monumental problem under the rug. You have to face it head-on.

"You may be skeptical, but I sincerely believe that through this program we can begin to change the social equation in Israel. Our students are the agents of change."

Mrs. Adler finds that her deep involvement in Bridging the Gap also fulfils a personal need. Four years ago, her 19-year-old son, then in the army, committed suicide. By all accounts, he was an intelligent, sensitive and poetic-minded boy who may have gone far in his chosen career.

His death shattered Mrs. Adler. In Bridging the Gap, she found a light at the end of the tunnel. "I find in this work a justification for living," she says. "A mother must live for someone else. And I have given meaning to my life.

"All my students are my sons and daughters."

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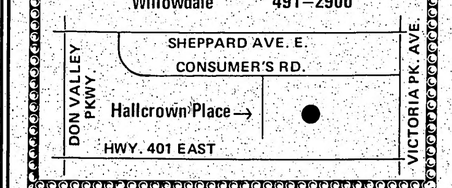

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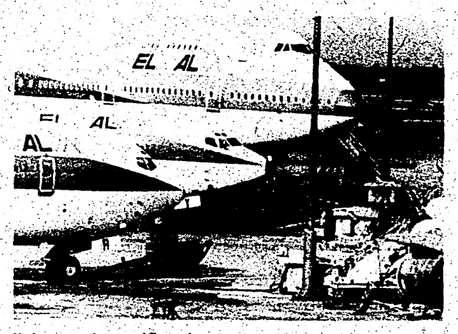
El Al's difficulties began long before its present entanglement with Israel's double digit inflation. A fledgling amongst the giant international airlines, El Al plunged into the highly competitive jet age, undercapitalized in the multi-billion dollar race for more powerful, more serviceable equipment and over burdened with the responsibility for strengthening ties of communication and friendship for a politically beleagured state, with as many nations as possible. The airline performed herculean tasks in Israel's moments of stress. At times, during the three wars which engulfed the young nation, it served as the country's only line of contact with the outside world. Though this did much to stimulate Israel's tide of victory, in many instances the damage incurred for an airline charged with the duty of attaining self-sufficiency was irreparable. And though El Al is one of the world's safest carriers, the cost of continuous vigilance and surveillance has proven enormous.

The Arab oil crunch and continuous demands for higher wages in an ever-spiraling inflation in Israel conspired in the near demise of Israel's proud carrier; the headlines in Israel's press were ominous ... El Al was an airline in dire circumstance. Only a miracle could save it.

That "miracle" is reason ... reason on the part of all concerned to once and for all pull the airline up virtually by its bootstraps. With the appointment of Shavit (a gifted Israel industrialist and president of the Manufacturer's Association of Israel) as chairman, and the continuance of Raphael Harlev as president, the stage was set for a complete upgrading and rejuvenation of El al, in every department and in all fields of its activity.

The keystone for the dramatic rescue and the road to operational restoration was the signing of a five year industrial peace agreement with all unions concerned with El Al, including ground maintenance and air crews. In addition, all El Al employees — whether in Israel or in any of the 21 countries served by the airline — have taken a drastic voluntary cut in salary in order to restore El Al's profitability. The company has examined and redefined duties and work schedules, leading to the elimination of hundreds of jobs. At the same time, fuel-inefficient aircraft have been retired and scheduling has been consolidated. This streamlining and sacrifice has given birth to a new spirit of understanding and cooperation between labor and management, somewhat unique in the transportation industry anywhere and is reflected in the calibre of present El Al services being offered to the public.



A major upgrading of cabin and ground services has been implemented with the aim of placing El Al in the forefront of international airline operations and dramatic operational improvements with respect to on-time performance have been initiated. (In the first month of its new program, El Al departures and arrivals in all countries attained an over 90% punctuality efficiency!) In addition, the public will see El Al's restructured and updated service concept on many operational fronts.

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By BARUCH SAVILLE

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Egged is presently preparing its tour program to Egypt. With Israel and Egypt set to establish their respective embassies next Feb. 26, the travel trade is moving ahead to lay the foundations for it may turn out to be the biggest travel boom of the century. Egged is planning tour packages to Egypt based on new land routes that will enable the travel time by coach to be cut to around ten hours from Tel Aviv to Cairo.

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Jekyll Island is ideal spot for hiding out

JEKYLL ISLAND, Georgia

If you've never heard of Jekyll Island or "Millionaire's Island" as it's also known, it could be because, up to recently, vested interests were keeping its existence a closely held secret. In fact, it's a resort island just off the coast of Georgia but connected by a nine mile causeway, rich in history and with its own particular Southern charm.

Over the years Jekyll Island was occupied, developed and farmed by Spanish, British and French settlers and their influence is still apparent. It was only in 1886 that the French presence ended with the purchase of the island by the Jekyll Club from the deBignon family. That's when it became exclusive. The Jekyll Club membership comprised some of the original Captains of Industry; the type of people we used to refer to as being "made of money". The club was rich in names like Rockefeller, Vanderbilt, Morgan and Pulitzer, to name a few. They all found Jekyll Island a pleasing respite from the ongoing dollar derby through Manhattan's corridors of financial power.

But now Jekyll Island is open to the common folk, although it's a bit different from your average, say Florida, vacation. It's more of a place for doing things than for just soaking up the sun.

If you're a nature lover, you'll enjoy the salt marshes on the western side of the Island. Criss-crossed with intra-coastal waterways, they're the natural habitat of blue herons, pelicans, ospreys and hawks. And, be forewarned, the occasional alligator.

Fishing abounds in the marshes and since they're saltwater, no license is required. You can also fish off the Causeway Bridge or charter a boat and take a shot at something bigger.

But golfing is the major attraction at Jekyll Island. In keeping with Georgia's golfing tradition (the state is, after all, home of the legendary Masters Tournament) Jekyll Island offers three superb 18-hole courses, each with its own particular challenges. There's also a 9-hole course called Oceanside and when you get a few ocean squalls lurking around each fairway, you need your wits about you to card any sort of respectable score.

The three 18-hole courses are spread out from a central licensed club house which includes a well stocked pro shop where you can rent clubs and carts. And prices are attractive too, with a $17.50 U.S. package that includes unlimited play for a day on all three courses and the use of a cart for two for 18 holes.

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Before you leave Jekyll Island take a tour of Millionaires' Village and see how the other half lived. The millionaires' cottages are being renovated by the State of Georgia, which bought the island from the Jekyll Club for just $600,000, possible the best buy since Manhattan Island. The "cottages" are open to the public for a small admission fee and are well worth a visit. Each offers something of particular interest from the Goodyear Cottage, restored in 1974, which is the home for many of the Island's cultural associations, to the Crane Cottage, built by, arguably, the world's richest plumber which, for the trivia fans, has 17 bathrooms.

Although Jekyll Island is a relatively new Southern resort on the Toronto scene, your travel agent should be able to give you more specific information about flights and accommodation. This year, one of the major package tour companies is running one and two week holidays at pretty attractive rates, so that even if you don't come back a millionaire, you won't come back a pauper.

Hanuama Bay, on the east coast of Oahu, Hawaii's main island, is a favorite spot for skin divers, snorklers and walkers.

Die-hard skiers can schuss down slopes of twin mountains in Hawaii

By LINDY BOYES

In the North Pacific's South Seas atmosphere of Hawaii, the winter season is being felt. The temperatures are in the low 80s (high 20s Celsius) at the day's high and drop to mid-60s (17-20 C.) at night.

The balmy winter temperatures are nonetheless a bit cooler than summer highs and lows and are welcome by Hawaii's residents. On the other hand, visitors to the Islands in winter are generally leaving behind snow, ice or at the very least cold, rainy weather.

The Hawaiian Islands, which lie 20 degrees north of the equator, offer North Americans a balmy respite during winter months. A vast selection of hotels on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Hawaii make it possible to suit every traveler's needs.

Hotels with kitchen-equipped units or condominium apartment rentals can make family vacations convenient and reasonable.

Beaches which are sun-filled year-round are especially inviting during winter. That is not to say there is no winter rain in the Islands. But even that liquid sunshine is, as Portia said, "the gentle rain from heaven" and not usually the type to send one scurrying indoors.

Au contraire, for the die-hard ski buffs, there is snow on the peaks of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa, the nearly 14,000-foot-high twin mountains on the island of Hawaii, the "Big Island". And Mauna Kea provides ski runs. There are no facilities, but a ski shop at Kamuela can provide equipment and transportation. It is quite possible to spend one day on the beach in the water the next day schussing the slopes at 13,000 feet.

A winter vacation in the North Pacific can be a very balmy experience ... if it's in Hawaii.

Sunquest Vacations, a tour operator in Toronto, is offering an opportunity to save as much as $100 per couple off the price of a trip to Hawaii this winter.

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This offer is limited to Sunquest's Hawaii program only, and to specific dates.

Sunflight offers low price tag

TORONTO —

Sunflight Holidays have announced their new program to Israel, with the first departure on Feb. 17 and another on Feb. 24. The incredible price tag of $569 includes hospice accommodation in addition to return transportation on Ontario World Airlines.

As of March 23 there will be regular two and four week duration holidays offered with departures every week at a cost of $889.

Fron April 27 Sunflight will be adding tours to their basic packages repeating the successful Images of Israel program of last summer. After a stimulating coach tour of this fascinating country for six days, there is an eight-day stay at the Moriah Hotel in Tel Aviv where visitors may relax and enjoy the beaches or shop, tour holy sites, sample delicious cuisine, visit nightclubs ... the possibilities are endless. For a price which starts at $1,589 this kind of holiday must be considered unbeatable. The variety offered by Israel is not found anywhere else in the world.

Sunflight will also have tours for pilgrims of all religions who will want to visit the land which is the source of all beliefs.

As soon as full diplomatic relations between Israel and Egypt are resumed Sunflight have great plans in the works for a combined holiday in the two countries. This will afford an opportunity to visit not only the wonders of Israel but the magnificence of Egypt which has been brought to the attention of the world so forcefully recently by the King Tut exhibition which is currently on a world tour.

Switzerland has plenty to offer ski addicts

By PATRICIA BUTCHER
"All About Travel, Inc."

TORONTO —

The avant-garde people have discovered ski value in Europe and are loving it. For all you Aspen fanatics who have tolerated the high prices, long line-ups, fast food service etc., I'm about to reveal to you a well kept Swiss secret.

I have just returned from Gstaad where the chalets of Liz Taylor and Roman Polanski are nestled in the trees on the hillside.

I was treated in the "European tradition" of hospitality and courtesy and feasted on the most excellent cuisine, all included in my package price. The bus ride from Geneva Airport to Gstaad is a sightseeing tour in itself. If you're not too tired, you may even stop in the old town of Gruiere for lunch.

The nightlife is superb. Included in the package is also an evening fondue party at a mountain restaurant with descents by torch light. There are 55 ski lifts covering 100 KM of well marked trails from one town to the next.

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Jo Ann Goldman [left] and Martin Britstone and Jill Kreham spent two months in development town of Mallot.

Three young Torontonians answer call for volunteers

By SYLVIA MEHLMAN

"The appetite grows with the eating."

This old saying was recently proved true for three young people from the Toronto area. They had had small tastes of living in Israel through tours and visits there, and found that they had been left with a desire to bite larger and deeper into Israeli life.

Their opportunity came this past summer when they answered a call for volunteers with a college background to spend two months in the development town of Ma'alot as tutors of English, primarily for youngsters attending a summer program offered by the community.

Jo Ann Goldman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldman of Downsview, had first visited Israel on a college tour in 1973.

She saw an ad for the Ma'alot program in The Canadian Jewish News and found out more about it from the Israel Aliyah Center. The program seemed ideally suited for Jo Ann, who holds a graduate degree in child psychology and who "wanted to see Israel from a different perspective," she said.

Jill Krehm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Krehm of Forest Hill, Toronto, who has just entered her senior year at York University, also wanted to get to know Israeli life from the inside on this, her third trip to Israel. "Although the last time I came I spent three weeks in a kibbutz and also worked on an archaeological dig for a week, I didn't feel that I was actually involved in Israeli life. In Ma'alot, I got to know the people in a closer kind of relationship."

Martin Britstone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Britstone, recently earned an undergraduate degree in English Literature and is interested in pursuing graduate studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He had been to Israel four times before and wanted to explore all Facets of life, with the idea that some day he might decide to settle there. The Ma'alot program offered him the opportunity to experience everyday living and working in a development town.

The three young Torontonians worked at the Ma'alot English Center with children from the ages of eight to 15. For some students the program offered an opportunity for remedial work, for others it was a "fun" way of complementing what they had learned in school.

"The children who came from backgrounds where their parents were well-educated seemed to do better than the children who came from disadvantaged backgrounds, particularly those who came from large families where they didn't have a quiet spot where they could study," observed Jill. "We gave every one individual attention."

The group of approximately 30 volunteers, mostly from Canada and England, worked with one level at a time, young children in the morning and older ones in the afternoon. Tutors would plan lessons together, then meet with one, two or three children each for about half an hour. The entire group would come together for the conclusion of the lesson for activities such as English language games and sing-a-longs.

Although some of the children knew no English at all at the beginning of the summer and were shy in their opening relationships with the tutors, by the end of the summer a warm rapport had developed and even the slowest eight-year-olds had learned "quite a bit."

Several older problematic pupils who had made little progress studying English in three or four years and hadn't yet learned to recognize the alphabet were assigned to Martin. Under individual tutelage, he was able to present English in a more interesting way, the youngsters responded making substantial progress.

Both Martin and Jo Ann were also assigned to visit regularly with adults in Ma'alot who wanted to improve their English. The close relationships they formed with these adults and their families added to their feeling of personal involvement in the community.

The only problem with the program was that it was all too short.

"Two months was not enough," said Martin. "We were just beginning to get really involved and it had to end. The program ought to last at least six months."

Arranging Israeli trips has become specialty of agent Shalom Even

By DANA SHAPIRO

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Shalom stressed that he is proud of his agency because it can provide the type of service that he feels a travel agency should provide. "All travel agents have the same bargains," Shalom says, "but the client has to know what's involved in the bargain. I make sure clients know what they are getting."

"I want my customers to come in, have a cup of coffee and discuss their plans," Shalom continues. "I don't think they should come in, give me a cheque and leave. My agency is more than just selling tickets."

In the short time that Shalom Travel has been open more than 500 customers have made arrangements for trips to Israel. Shalom says he has had customers come from as far away as New York State, Montreal, Guelph and Peterborough, in order to book Israeli vacations.

Shalom says things started off fairly slowly for Shalom Travel, but in the last few months things have really been picking up. So much so, that he now opens on Sunday to handle all of the traffic. "I just love every minute of it," he says. "The busier I become the more I like it."

He feels that one of his main reasons for so many happy travellers to Israel is the fact that he has an excellent tour operator in Israel working with him. "He has been doing an excellent job, and handles things at that end very well."

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TORONTO —
SkyLark Holidays Limited announces an expanded program of specialty holidays for the "under 30" traveller. So successful is the SHAZAM concept of action-packed holidays to the sun, that SkyLark's SHAZAM Winter 1979/80 brochure boasts almost 50 departures from Toronto and Montreal, the last leaving April 13.

SkyLark's most popular destinations are on the SHAZAM schedule, with holiday makers having a choice of Nassau, Freeport, Jamaica, Acapulco, or Caribbean cruises aboard the Fun Ships Mardi Gras or Carnivale, or aboard the Britanis. The newest destinations take fun-and-sun seekers to Clearwater, Florida; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; and to the holiday paradise of Hawaii.

"SHAZAM has proven itself as an unquestionable value with agents and clients alike," says Ontario Sales Manager, Lawrence Elliott, referring not only to dollar value, but to enjoyment value as well. "A SHAZAM holiday makes the most of every destination featured ... sports facilities, points of scenic interest, night clubs, discos. But quite frankly, it all comes down to one basic thing. SHAZAM is a terrific excuse for a week long party in the sun."

SkyLark has taken much into consideration in designing the SHAZAM program, starting with no mandatory single supplement. SHAZAM guarantees shared accommodation unless a single room is specifically requested, and is flexible enough to allow for a change in roommate should, for any reason, the two parties not be compatible. People who travel SHAZAM, however, often share similar interests and the comments of past SHAZAM travellers are enthusiastic:

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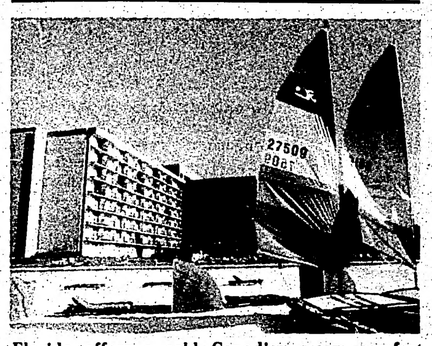

Florida offers a cold Canadian warm comfort

The place to be for fun and sun is Clearwater

By ALAN GRAY

CLEARWATER, Florida
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Deeply moving account of human dignity

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

Number Our Days From Our Lives — Baycrest Terrace Memoirs Group by Barbara Myerhoff

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Judaism cherishes a long and noble tradition of honoring the old. The Book of Leviticus commands, "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head and honour the face of the elderly." In a rabbinic text we read, "He who welcomes an old man is as if he welcomed the presence of God." Respect was due to the old because it was assumed that advancing years bring wisdom; since the older person has passed through the trials of life, he becomes a source of counsel, filled with the spirit of discretion and knowledge.

But our sages did not have our society in mind when they reflected upon the delights of old age. In our time the term "old" is usually a term of derogation. Growing old in our society is an unpleasant prospect. We fear the insecurity which old age often brings and we don't want to be dependent upon our children. We know that old people are pushed aside with a gentle reminder that it was different in their day.

Often the young do not extend to the old the common courtesy that is due from one human being to another, rudely ignoring them, rejecting their opinions, and showing impatience with their infirmities and weaknesses. It is as though the aged were an alien race to which the young will never belong. "Agism," contempt for, and discrimination against the aged, is rapidly becoming as serious a problem as racism. But with this salient difference: we never change colour, but we all age.

Studies by psychologists and sociologists reveal that individuals who make the most successful adjustment to the inevitable changes brought on by aging are those who have vital and continuing interests, and who are open to new ideas, new horizons, new friends, and new experiences. As Martin Buber put it, "To be old is a glorious thing when one has not unlearned what it means to begin."

Number Our Days is a luminous and memorable book — a deeply moving account of human dignity and courage. The author, chairman of the department of anthropology at the University of Southern California, spent several years living with a group of elderly men and women who were connected to a Jewish Community Center near Los Angeles. Retired from jobs in the garment centres of Chicago and New York, largely Eastern European in origin, this group of spirited, indomitable, articulate, sensitive human beings have much to teach us about how to live properly.

Basha, still independent at 89, suggests: "In this country we know already, we can't depend on the children. We gotta make our own life from the inside to the outside." Rebekah, an old trade unionist, is still active in promoting social justice. Despite age and infirmity she spends long hours passing out leaflets in support of a strike of Mexican Americans. When asked about her concern she responds: "Who could enjoy standing in a parking lot on a cold day arguing with strangers. You don't do these things to enjoy, it has to be done, that's all."

Sharing a tradition of enthusiasm for life and compassion for the living these admirable elderly men and women through their mode of living, flow of stories and deep wisdom find a place in our hearts.

From Our Lives is a surprising, even unique, book. Twenty-two senior citizens, ranging in age from 70 to 97, all residents of Baycrest Terrace in Toronto and members of a "Memoirs Group" have set down the story of their lives. These brief, colorful biographies of hardship, determination and success depict an earlier period in a dozen countries, including Poland, Germany, China and Israel.

Much of the material concerns life in Canada — often under strange and difficult conditions. Fleeing from a world shattered by war, upheaval and devastation these are uplifting, sometimes humourous, and often triumphant accounts. Here are the lives of our parents and grandparents. We, the beneficiaries, should not forget.

Autobiographical play of ghetto life in Poland asks where God was when this was happening

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

The Holocaust is a difficult subject to deal with dramatically, to say the least. The trap of being over-sentimental, melodramatic or self-serving, etc. is always there. So is the possibility that the horror of that time could be so overpowering to the playwright as to defy description, and thus render the play a failure in communicating its point.

A new play on the subject that does not fall into this temptation is **The Sand**, by Marion Andre Czerniecki, who is familiarly known to theatre goers as Marion Andre, formerly artistic director of the Saidye Bronfman Centre in Montreal, and since 1973, artistic director of his own company here, Theatre Plus.

After following his work closely, one soon realizes Andre is a man of conviction. It's evident in everything he does, and most especially in **The Sand.**

The piece started as a short story and developed into a one-act play. It deals with ghetto life in Poland in 1942, and is made all the more powerful and moving because it is autobiographical. Even though he was born in Le Havre, France, Andre grew up in Poland and during the war was imprisoned in a concentration camp because he was Jewish. It is obvious he has an affinitry for the subject and he deals with it sensitively.

He tells his story simply. He shows us the Tenenbaum family — father Milo, mother Rosa, young son Marek, and daughter Anna — living a ghetto life full of fear, pogroms and 'selections' in which they watch relatives and friends being dragged off by the police, never to be seen again. But even with all the terror around them, the family share a love, respect and concern for people and even a hope for a better future.

The Sand also deals with the questions that people have always asked. Where was G-d during that terrible time? How could one have faith in Him after such daily anguish, asks Milo, a doubter, of his wife a firm believer? Milo even finds himself questioning his own doubts when the family is miraculously saved from death.

It would have been easy for Andre to pass over these difficult questions but easy ways aren't for him.

If there is a flaw in the play it is that the piece demands to be expanded. So many aspects of ghetto life are touched upon but not developed. They cry out for more detail, closer examination and more explanation.

How did the Judenrat work (the Jewish Council that was a link between the Jewish ghetto and the Nazis, and carried out the Nazi orders)? If bank accounts of Jews were frozen, how did they live? How could they buy food? Milo is a doctor yet we never see him with a patient; was he allowed to practice? If so, how could he pay for his supplies? Could he even prescribe drugs if necessary? Food for the ghetto was rationed and in short supply, yet the family had an ample supply of food and money to use as bribes if the police ever came. How is that possible? There are no sympathetic Gentiles in Andre's play, only those willing to help if the price is right. Is it one's naivete but were there really no Gentiles willing to help just for the sake of helping? Questions. Questions.

To say the least, **The Sand** is thought provoking, and the very nature of it demands that the play be seen and seen again. It was ably produced recently by the Theatre students of York University at Burton Auditorium, and the response to it was extraordinary. Now it should be done by a professional theatre company in order to reach a larger audience.

Enough cannot be said about this terrible time in history, but the pain is somehow made easier to bear when it is dealt with so eloquently as in Marion Andre's **The Sand.**

Gaining control of one's time

By MARCIA KRETZMER

Getting Organized
Stephanie Winston
[Warner Books, New York, 1979, $4.95]

A writer friend recently convened several women acquaintances to compare experiences of work and family responsibilities.

"Can you believe," she said, "that my husband's mother's house, things were so topsy-turvy that even clothes went astray? Now how can anyone misplace articles The most impressive was an outstandingly successful corporate lawyer.

"Would you believe," said this formidable lady, speaking of her future husband's children from a previous marriage, "that in their mother's house, of clothing? I mean (incredulous laughter) you've really got to be pretty sloppy to do that."

As I glanced around the room, I noticed the eyes of all the other women glaze over. Clearly, they could only too easily conceive of clothes going astray, and that no doubt explained why they were not outstandingly successful corporate lawyers themselves.

Getting Organized is the kind of book the corporate lawyer would find redundant, but for the rest of disordered humanity, it is very valuable. The book provides a perspective on gaining control of one's time, and setting personal goals. It is also a practical guide to coping with everyday difficulties like paying bills, reorganizing closet space, coping with laundry or getting the children to clear their rooms.

Bringing order into one's life is often resisted because the dimensions of the task seem overwhelming — usually the result of a perfectionist, all-or-nothing approach, the author points out. Or, because organizing sounds obsessional and rigid, undesirable traits in this laid-back age. However, the author proves, in chapters on managing time, money, paperwork, and efficient homemaking, that order is "whatever helps you function effectively — nothing more and nothing less."

The average Jewish home requires the performing of additional organizational feats, like planning your daughter's wedding and Seder for 30 in the same week. The author's name gives no clue to her identity (unless her persistent use of the word "aggravating" when she means "irritating," is anything to go by). Still, it would be a boon if some day she would write a follow-up guide, putting it all together for the Jewish homemaker.

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Distributors of acclaimed film are looking for a new audience

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
John Katz and Norman Glowinsky knew they were taking a big gamble when they decided to dispense with the advice of all their knowledgeable friends in the film industry.

Katz, a York University professor of film, and Glowinsky, an ad man, wanted to form a company to distribute an unknown U.S. documentary entitled **Best Boy.**

"They told us we'd lose our shirts," Glowinsky, 33, says. "They predicted the film would run for two weeks and close."

"They said we'd never recoup our $20,000 investment," Katz, 41, adds.

Katz and Glowinsky, the proprietors of Beacon Films Corporation, have proved their detractors all wrong.

Beacon Films, which they formed last September, is a going concern thanks to **Best Boy's** tremendous success. Produced and directed by an American Jew, Ira Wohl, **Best Boy** tells the touching story of Wohl's 52-year-old mentally retarded cousin, Philly.

Acclaimed by writers and filmgoers alike, **Best Boy** is now in its 11th week in Toronto, having grossed some $60,000 and having been seen by more than 13,000 persons.

"This is the first time a documentary film has done so well in North America," says Katz, a graduate of Harvard University and the author of four books on the cinema.

Indeed, the moral of **Best Boy** is that a lucrative market for documentaries exists. Until the formation of Beacon Films Corporation, none of Canada's film distributors specialized in the documentary form, they claim.

(Paul Appleby photo)

Norman Glowinsky [left] and John Katz

"Before **Best Boy,** no one realized there was a market for such films," Katz explains.

To this day, films of this genre are usually screened at film festivals, specialized seminars and universities, attracting an audience that will never come to terms with the commercialized shlock churned out by Hollywood.

But Katz and Glowinsky, with **Best Boy** as their shining example of success, hope to correct that siutuation by making documentaries available to the general public.

"We're appealing to people who are fed up with the usual stuff coming out of Hollywood and want a change of pace," says Glowinsky, who was practically weaned on movies.

Despite their views, Katz and Glowinsky are not entirely down on all Hollywood movies. They say that if they had started Beacon a few years ago, they would have been honored to distribute such Hollywood favorites as **Easy Rider** and **Harlan County.**

In the future, the entrepreneurs will try to distribute two or three of the many documentaries made in North America and in Britain annually, as well as a number of other independent features, including some from Israel.

Meanwhile, the partners plan to distribute **Best Boy** nationally beginning in February.

"This picture could launch Beacon in a very substantial way," says Katz. **Best Boy** isn't a multi-theatre release and it's small potatoes by the usual Hollywood standards. But for us it's a beginning."

Even if Beacon fails, Glowinsky for one, has already benefited. He met his wife, lawyer Lillian Vine, during the formation of the company.

World in Hebrew

By JOSEPH KLINGER

עובדתון: מכון קרן התרבות עתיד בישראל מאת: יוסי רותם

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Group wants more lawyers

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —
Since its formation in 1969, The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, has been working towards the promotion of human rights and the principles of equality of men and the right of all states and persons to live in peace.

The association is still quite small — about 6,000 members throughout the world — but Bert Raphael, a Toronto lawyer and vice-president of the association, is hoping he can change the membership totals by conducting a recruiting drive among Canadian lawyers.

At the present time there are only 89 Canadian members, but that doesn't seem to deter Raphael, who was a founder of Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry. When that organization began there were only nine lawyers belonging to the group. Now there are 700 lawyers, judges and attorneys-general who have joined it.

Bert Raphael

Raphael told The Canadian Jewish News that he feels groups like the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists are important because group pressure can do a great deal of good. By way of example, he pointed to the Soviet Union and said: "By exposing them to ridicule and by showing how unfair their system is we have some impact. The Soviets like to think they are sophisticated, not backward.

"They want to be known as a cultural and enlightened country and when you can expose them internationally there are some inroads."

Raphael said that quite often the "dialogue may only be one-way, but it must have some impact."

He said other areas discussed by the association are legal problems of particular interest to Israel, and the promotion of study of legal problems of special interest to Jewish communities in the world within the framework of international and domestic law.

Raphael said the association publishes a bulletin to keep members informed on flagrant violations of Jewish civil rights, and certain major issues such as the plight of Iranian and Soviet Jews. Raphael commented that anti-Semitism isn't really a major problem in Canada because "we're blessed in having people, like Roy McMurtry as a chief law enforcement officer, who are concerned with the rights of minorities."

Another important aspect of the association, according to Raphael, is its ability to demonstrate to the world that a small country like Israel, with all of its problems can maintain an excellent legal and court system.

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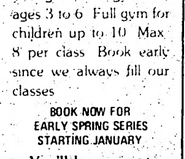

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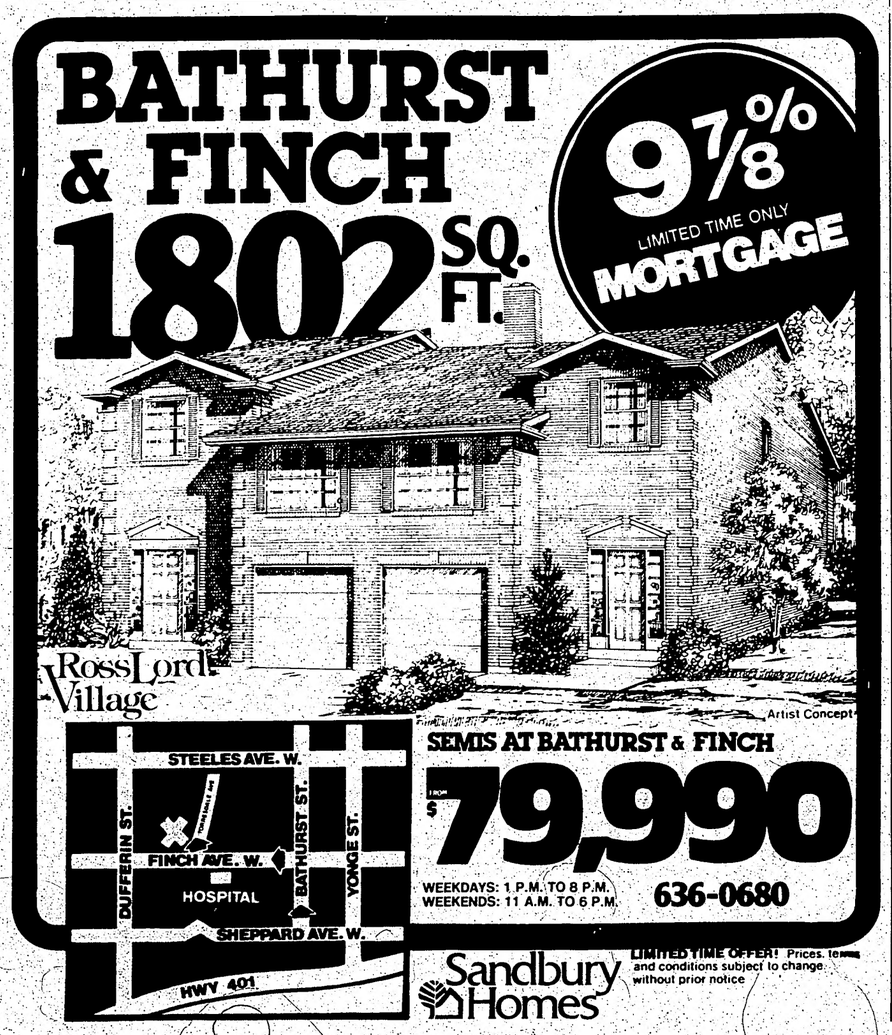

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Private, 4 bedroom detached, finished basement. Many extras. Spring closing. $126,900. 222-5890. 31

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Solid brick 4 bdrm. + den, split level, modern kitchen, good sized living-dining, 2 baths, rec rm., double Dr., garage, don't miss. Mrs. Seidman 635-1170.

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Vendor Moved West
Detached 1½ storey in spotless condition. 2 baths, 3 bdrms., rec room, central air, 100 AMP, circuit breakers, beautiful lot. Mrs. Kendall 635-1170.

Bathurst-Patricia Near Bnai Tora $118,900
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Wilson-Bathurst S. Of 401 Luxury Condo.
$44,500 or $55,500 2 or 3 bdrms., 2 full baths, central air laundry room ensuite, extra closet space, sauna balcony, outdoor pool. Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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$189,900, palatial backsplit, 3,300 Sq. Ft. plus bsmt., 4 bdrms., open stairway, cathedral ceilings, family room, wet bar, walk-out to patio, magnificent library, open fireplace, Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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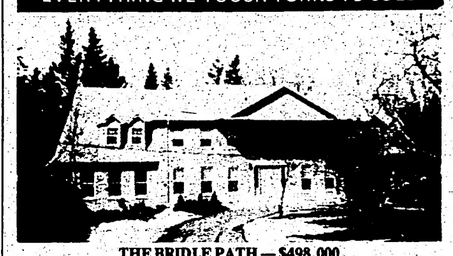

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4 BDRM., 2 storey, mint condition, main floor family rm. & laundry, 4 baths, sauna, fin. bsmt., 2 car garage, many extras, 150' lot. STUART FARB 224-2800.

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3 bdrm. 2 storey townhouse, family rm., 2 baths, broadloom, S appliances, don't miss out — will sell on sight! ROSE STONE 224-2800.

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Bathurst/Eglinton
Super starter home. Detached 2 storey, well maintained, spacious 3 bedroom residence. Walkout to porch & patio. Kitchen has breakfast area, central air, double garage, finished rec. room, sun deck & more. $113,900. Laura Shugar. 789-4325.

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Village-Rental
1 yr. lease — available immediately — on this 4 bedroom home located on a quiet blvd. Main floor den, single garage. Asking $975 per month. Marjorie Rasky, 789-4325.

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Lower Village
Newly listed. Bright & cheerful 2 storey contemporary home. Spacious rooms, 3 bedrooms, modern kitchen, super master suite, large lot. Charming & practical house. $185,000. Renee Bald, 789-4325.

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Allenby School
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Leslie-Cummer
$139,900 — Lovely 4 bedroom air conditioned 2 storey home in desirable neighborhood. Super main floor family room with open stone fireplace, walk-out to garden. Huge 20' master with walk-in closet + 4 pc. ensuite. Vendor has moved. All offers considered. Elaine Chelin, 789-4325.

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Bathurst-Sheppard
$99,900 — new listing. Move in cond. Lovely bright 3-bdrm. bungalow with spacious eat-in kitchen; 2 more bdrms. & kitchen & 3-pce. bath & panelled rec. rm. in lower level. Vendor will hold 1 open mtge. at attractive rate. Elaine Chelin, 789-4325.

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Glengrove/Glen Rush
$126,900. Different layout provides 4 bdrms., master on main & others on upper floor. Finished lower level. 3 washrooms, good lot. Betty Cohen, 789-4325.

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Bayview-Finch
Storey and ½ on large lot with private drive & garage. Suitable for professionals or 1st home buyers. Excellent financing — low down payment. Basement finished with separate entrance. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

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Prestige location. Ultra modern kitchen. 3 large bedrooms. 2 washrooms. Panelled rec. room. Asking $97,500. Ruth Trachter 633-7777.

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BATHURST-STEELES
3 bedroom, 3 bath, executive type home. 5 top appliances. Separate laundry room; fireplace & equipment. Central air, attached garage. Shows to perfection. Roslyn Karten 633-7777.

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$750. Luxury 2 bedroom. Separate large living room, panelled dining room. New oak kitchen, dishwasher, dark oak floors, new bathroom. Utilities included. Feb. 1st possession. Mrs. Moranis 449-2020, 447-1343.

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Unique Home In The Valley
$274,900. Completely renovated home in demand area — 5 minutes to York Mills subway — open concept, main level gourmet kitchen — family room — 5 bedrooms. George & Annette Donnenfield 449-2020.

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York Mills C.I. 5 Bed. Quality Home
$199,500. North of York Mills Rd. main floor family room — utility room — washroom. Recreation room. Superb condition. 4 year 11% mortgage. Don LePage 449-2020, 889-1221.

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York Mills Bungalow
3 Bedrooms & Den
$194,500. New exclusive charming bungalow in demand area, well porportioned living room, separate dining room with door to garden, panelled den, master bedroom & ensuite. Don LePage 449-2020, 889-1221.

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Penthouse
Avenue Rd.-Lawrence
$143,500. Superb professional decorated 3 bedroom 2 level apartment, 2 storey living room, fireplace — 3 bathrooms, appliances — large 10½% mortgage. George & Annette Donnenfield 449-2020.

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Sandringham Drive
New Exclusive
$215,000. 1st ad. Exquisite 4 bedroom, 4 baths, 2 storey home redesigned by Napier Simpson. Main floor library, living room opens to unique gazebo, totally updated kitchen and bath, sunny exposure & mature landscaping assures privacy. Mr. Pettigrew, 449-2020.

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Yonge-North-New 10¼%
New custom finished home, your choice of lot, plan, decor, exterior finish. Only 4 left in Phase I. Your chance to buy at a reduced rate. Hurry! Up to 4,500 sq. ft. All lot 70 ft. frontage. Sandi Kert 449-2020.

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Bayview & Steeles - $182,900
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Don Mills & McNicoll
$112,000
Just listed! Detached Tudor, 4 bdrms., 3 baths, main floor family rm. with fireplace, central air, 5 appliances. Vendor must sell! Sandi Halpern, 484-9111.

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Bathurst & Wilson - $99,900
Just listed! Large 3 bdrm. bungalow with eat-in kitchen. Large L shaped living rm. Lower level features complete self contained 1 bdrm. in-law apt. with separate kitchen and living rm. Close to transportation & synagogues. Joey Taylor, 484-9111.

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Bathurst & YMHA - $79,900
Just listed! Sparkling end unit luxury townhouse! 3 bdrms. & family rm. with walkout. 9¾% mtge. until year 2000. Small prestigious complex. Joey Taylor, 484-9111.

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Avenue Rd. & Lawrence
Bedford Glen - $88,900
Brand new 2 bdrm., 2 storey condo with central air, 2 baths, 3 appliances, walkout from living rm. to garden plus use of exceptional recreation facilities. Vendor anxious to sell. Penny Brown, 484-9111.

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Just Listed! Bayview-Finch
$159,900. Superb 2 storey home, 4 king size bedrooms, 4 baths, 16' dining room, main level family room and den, 2 stone fireplaces, walkout to concrete inground pool and 45' cedar deck, central air. Call Joel Kaplansky or Iris Weinbrun 441-2888.

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Upper Forest Hill — $199,900
2 storey 6 bedroom executive home on pool sized lot features: master en suite, with balcony overlooking garden. All the bedrooms have built-ins. Panelled library, 2 fireplaces, central air, 3 car tandem garage. Call Ethel Goldman 441-2888.

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Lower Forest Hill Village — $192,500
Luxury detached townhome on cul-de-sac, 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, sunken living room, walkout to cedar deck, separate dining rooms, spacious eat-in kitchen, main floor den, 2 fireplaces, 10¼% mortgage. Joel Kaplansky or Iris Weinbrun 441-2888.

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Bathurst-Old Orchard - $145,500
5 bedroom bungalow, utmost privacy yet close to all amenities, tastefully decorated and well maintained. 2 car garage, 3 baths, central air, completely finished lower level. Call Ethel Goldman 441-2888.

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1st Ad! Famous Skymark! $79,900
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New Listing! Blueforest - $159,900
4 bedrooms, split level custom built executive home on a magnificent landscaped lot. Walkout family room and completely finished basement. Completely renovated and ready to move in with immediate possession! Please call Anne Kirshenbaum 441-2888.

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Bayview Glen-Colonial-$259,000
Situated on a double lot, 2 storey, family home with Sanelli swimming pool plus basketball court. Main floor family room, library and laundry, 4 large bedrooms, finished basement, must be seen! Call H. Blaug 441-2888.

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York Mills-Bayview-Indoor Pool-$495,000
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Old English Lane - $429,000
Builder's own 2 storey Tudor featuring: spacious grounds, plus tennis court, 3-4 car garage. Interior is highlighted by gourmet country kitchen and spacious principal rooms, finished lower level with rec. games and billiard rooms. To view call Sonny Starr or Linda Richman 441-2888.

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Magpie Crescent - Pool - 5 Bedrooms
Exclusive $289,500. 2 storey entry hall, 5 baths, family room and library on main floor. Walkouts from breakfast room and family room to pool and garden. Cobblestone driveway, professional decor, with the best of everything. Call Simone Stern or Lee Landsberg 441-2888.

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New Listing! Bungalow — $116,900
4 bedrooms, double garage, cozy family room with fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, walkout to cedar deck and pool. Sheppard-Leslie. Call Judy Horvath 441-2888.

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Bathurst-Eglinton — Store Plus 2 Apartments
Commercial Owner retiring. $136,000. Excellent location, suitable as investment or possession available immediately. Call Ron Baker or Edith Foster 441-2888.

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Sandfield-Denlow — $385,000
New Exclusive — a quality home of great taste, impecably maintained. With all the amenities and luxuries. 9' ceilings, 2 storey entry hall. Spacious 4 bedrooms, plus 4 baths on second floor, sitting room with fireplace off master bedroom. Main floor oak panelled library and family room. Lower level completely finished. Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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Burns, Judy, on Dec. 30, 1979, late of 7430 Copenhagen Rd.
Gollish, Dora, on Dec. 31, 1979, late of 59 Maxwell St.
Gerry, Leo, on Jan. 5, 1980, late of 550 Bedford Park Ave.
Harris, Myrtle, on Jan. 3, 1980, late of 1309 Wilson Ave.
Ladowsky, Pearl, on Jan. 6, 1980, late of 130 Old Forest Hill Rd.
Lightstone, Mae, on Dec. 29, 1979, late of Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
Mendelsohn, Ellis, on Jan. 2, 1980, late of 3600 Bathurst St.
Starr, Rose, on Jan. 4, 1980, late of Baycrest.
Sufrin, Minnie, on Jan. 1, 1980, late of 2400 Bathurst St.
Williams, Samuel, on Jan. 1, 1980, late of 4 Purdon Dr.

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Education budget rises by 9.1 percent

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Jewish education program for Soviet immigrants.

Allocations for local services are as follows: Jewish Students Union (Hillel), $64,500; Jewish Student Federation, $61,965; Jewish Camp Council, $26,600; Jewish Family & Child Service financial assistance program, $670,000; Jewish Public Library, $88,300; Jewish Vocational Service guidance and counselling in the Jewish schools, $118,000; Jewish Information Service, $45,186; North-East Jewish Community Services, $68,455; Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Services — scholarships, $8,400 and Hebrew Free Loan, $12,000; Creative Living Centre, $21,500; Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, $10,000; Jewish Community Centre, $110,000; Toronto Jewish Congress administration, $441,618; TJC programs (archives, cemeteries, chaplaincy, education and culture, Yiddish, kashrut, Holocaust remembrance) $197,815.

In the national allocations, Canadian Jewish Congress will get $1,039,195 for its charities committee and immigrant relief; JIAS will receive $133,090.

The sum of $3,500 is allocated for the Central Fund for Traditional Institutions and the Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges gets $10,000.

Energy from the sun: Israel takes new look

By PAUL HIRSCHHORN

HAIFA — Primitive man worshipped with awe that flaming globe in the sky, the sun. Archeological discoveries have shown that the ancient Egyptians believed it was carried across the heavens in a canoe. Assyro-Babylonian mythology depicted the liberation of the sun-god from behind a mountain protected by a winged goddess. The Jews on the other hand, frowned on sun worship from the early days of their history.

Today, however, modern Jewish scientists in Israel are taking a second look at the sun. National policy dictates that alternatives to fossil fuel must be found, and found fast.

Scientists here are attempting not only to find additional sources of energy, but to develop processes which will not pollute the environment. More and more, they are turning to nature for answers.

In Israel, great strides have already been made in the use of solar energy, of which Israel is the largest per capita user in the world (20% of Israel's homes are outfitted with solar heating or refrigerating systems). Dr. Nathan Arad, director-general of the country's energy authority, is optimistic that this use can be increased from the current 2% of the country's energy consumption to between 8 and 15 percent in the 1990's.

"About 20-25% of all household energy needs — predominantly for space heating and hot water — could be saved by passive systems design and solar energy applications," Dr. Arad said.

With this goal in mind, scientists throughout the country are involved in research to expand the production of power from the sun. Recent Israeli developments have included: a high-temperature solar energy system, capable of powering solar air-conditioning in summer, heating in winter, and obtaining mechanical energy for home use; and a new solar cell with its own internal storage system that can produce electricity after sundown.

One of the most promising developments in Israel's solar energy research has been that of "solar ponds." The ponds are based on the natural phenomenon that all bodies of water trap the heat at the bottom. There it can be collected for use as a source of energy.

Research into solar ponds, originally suggested by Dr. Rudolph Bloch of the Dead Sea Works, is underway on a national level. A group of scientists headed by Dr. Zvi Tabor, now at Hebrew University, began solar pond investigations some 20 years ago. They have succeeded in developing a pond which produces heat at temperatures between 90° and 100°C. Heat drawn from the pond's bottom has successfully powered turbines developed specially to operate in conjunction with the ponds.

Using similar principles, Technion engineers have developed a shallow solar pond — a 50 x 3 meter plastic bag consisting of a transparent upper layer and a black bottom layer with water held between them. The "shallow pond" is installed next to a greenhouse: heat collected and stored during the daytime can be transferred to the greenhouse by night.

Future solar pond uses are promising. The Weizmann Institute's Dr. Gad Assaf has made a mathematical study of using the Dead Sea itself as a "solar lake." According to his calculations, 50 square miles of the Sea would provide enough energy to double Israel's resources, through desalination of seawater.

Water also figures prominent in another project underway in Israel, the production of methane gas from agricultural wastes, including animal manure and vegetable waste.

At Kibbutz Yagur, near Haifa, Technion experts have built the world's largest pilot plant for the production of methane gas. As a side benefit, the methane reactor is also an excellent medium for algae growth. The algae can be fed to many farm animals, which then create manure. Project head, Professor Gedaliahu Shelef believes this could ultimately lead to farm units self-sufficient in stationary energy requirements, through a cyclical re-use of their own solid organic wastes.

Bio-chemists at the Weizmann Institute have begun a basic investigation of an unusual algae that grows in ponds along the Dead Sea. they believe this algae may some day serve as an inexpensive source of glycerol, a combustible alcohol that can be used as a fuel itself and may possibly also serve as a raw material in the production of natural gas or gasoline.

Other Israeli scientists have made headway in modernizing a more traditional form of energy, the windmill. Technion Professor Anthony Peranio has developed a new "rotary viscous friction" device. Consisting of a paddle-wheel enclosed in a tank of water or oil, the device, rotated mechanically by the wind, heats the liquid, providing power.

Ben-Gurion University scientists have discovered that the energy output of a wind turbine can be tripled if it is surrounded by a special shroud. Dr. Ozer Igra, who developed the circular shroud, has taken advantage of the principle of airplane wing design, in which differences in air pressure create a suction effect drawing more air into the turbine. The shroud, which Igra claims produces three times the output of a regular turbine, can pick up wind with as little as 20% of the turbine facing in the direction of the wind.

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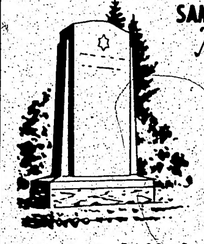

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Jewish history in Canada marks milestones in 80s

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

The 1980s should be specially recognized by Jews throughout Canada because a number of significant Jewish centennial anniversaries will occur. These milestones include the permanent establishment of Jewish community life in some of the major western centres, the expansion and consolidation of Jewish institutions in the older eastern centres and the first involvement of Jews in agriculture.

Undoubtedly the most important of these anniversaries will be the centennial of the arrival of 500 Russian Jewish refugees from Tsarist persecution in May of 1882. Most of this first large group of Jews from Eastern Europe were immediately sent west and settled in Winnipeg. But their arrival also marked the real beginning of permanent, ongoing and expanding Jewish immigrant aid activities in Montreal and Toronto.

In Winnipeg, of course, the arrival of 350 of the Russian Jews in the spring of 1882, galvanized the 21 Jews who were already here, and indeed the entire city of 8,000 people. For Winnipeg, the Russian arrivals led to the beginning of organized Jewish community life and here the event should be celebrated as such. But it also deserves full recognition in every Jewish centre in Canada and the descendants of the immigrants of 1882 who are spread across the country should be motivated to do something about it.

The next major Jewish anniversary to be celebrated in this new decade is the centennial of the first Jews to settle on the land. This of course was the official reason why the Russian Jews were actually sent out west.

In 1884, a group of Jewish pioneers, some 27 families of the 1882 arrivals, took homesteads at Moosomin, Sask.

Unfortunately this settlement became known as the "New Jerusalem" that failed. But their efforts should not be decried and the true story of this "New Jerusalem" is not as inglorious as some historians have claimed.

Three years later, in 1887, another Jewish settlement effort was started at Wapella and this has already been recognized as the first successful Jewish farm colony.

These first Jewish farm settlements were located in the territory of Assiniboia, later Saskatchewan, because it was not possible, at that time, to get the government to assign any lands in Manitoba for a group effort by the Jews. But even in the 1880s some Jewish families did take up individual homesteads in Manitoba, most notably a few in the Niverville district, 20 miles south of Winnipeg, such as the Hirsh Paul and Moses Goldstein families.

Another significant anniversary in this decade comes in 1886 when for the first time Jews participated in the founding of one of Canada's major cities. That city was Vancouver and several members of the Oppenheimer family were among its founders.

In the very first Vancouver City Council election in the fall of 1886, the brothers David and Isaac Oppenheimer were elected to serve on the council in 1887. At the end of 1887 David Oppenheimer was elected mayor of Vancouver and served for four years beginning in 1888.

Thus when Vancouver celebrates its centennial later in this decade the Jewish community of Vancouver will be a full partner and may celebrate its own centen-nial simultaneously.

While some of the major historic events to be commemorated in the 1980s primarily concern the Jews of Western Canada it should be realized that the early developments, in the Prairie region particularly, took place largely as a result of the immigration policies and practices followed by the Jewish community leadership in Montreal and Toronto.

Moreover the immigrants of 1882 were merely the vanguard of many more thousands of Jews from Eastern Europe who became the major component of the Jewish population all over Canada. For these reasons and others the centennial anniversaries of the 1980s deserve national recognition as well as local celebration in every Jewish community in Canada.

In addition, Jewish communities in Eastern Canada also have some important local anniversaries to be commemorated in the 1980s. For example, the Anshe Sholem Congregation of Hamilton (founded in 1863) built the first synagogue in that city in 1882 and became, at that time, the first Reform congregation in Canada.

Later in 1882 Montreal's third congregation, the Temple Emanuel, was founded and it began immediately as a reform Congregation.

In 1883 Toronto acquired its second congregation, the Goel Tzedec, which was Orthodox, and a year later that congregation acquired its first synagogue building. Several more congregations were founded and synagogues established in Eastern Canada in the 1880s. And in the East as well as the west, the foundations were laid for other Jewish community institutions.

In Winnipeg, at the end of 1979, Congregation Shaarei Zedek celebrated its 90th anniversary, marking the building of the first synagogue in the Prairie west. And so there will be yet another synagogue centennial in 1889.

With all these notable centennial milestones occuring in the 80s it sems appropriate to suggest that this decade should be observed in a special way across the country rather than by a string of one-night-stand events. The 1880s marked the beginning of the decisive influence of our East European forbears on the development of Jewish life in Canada. In the light of that influence we should not merely celebrate but dedicate the 1980s to discuss and evaluate the status of Jewish life in our country and to plan for the continuity and enrichment of Jewish cultural endeavors in Canada into the 21st Century.

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We would welcome your suggestions regarding new selections to add to our menu.

BON APPETIT

J & S FOODS

A DIVISION OF WYCLIFFE MEATS LTD.

ROAST BRISKET OF BEEF – $3.49
Finest quality brisket, golden brown roasted potatoes & green peas.

BEEF STEW – $2.99
Lean chunks of succulent beef, potatoes, carrots, peas and dumplings in a gravy fit for dunking.

FISH AMANDINE – $3.29
Lightly breaded filet of fish topped with almonds, served with mashed potatoes and peas.

ROAST CHICKEN – $2.99
Golden brown quarter of chicken (your choice of leg or breast) served with roasted potatoes and carrots.

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS – $2.99
Generous portion of spaghetti and meatballs in our own special sauce – garlic bread.

BREADED VEAL CUTLET – $3.69
Finest quality veal, lightly breaded and smothered in our own rich tomato sauce served on a bed of rice.

LASAGNA – $2.99
Homemade pasta with layer upon layer of lean minced beef in our own special sauce – garlic bread.

SHEPHERD'S PIE A LA WYCLIFFE – $2.99
Finest quality lean minced beef, mashed potatoes, peas and baby carrots.

CHINESE DINNER – $3.19
Our special honey & garlic ribs, fried rice, miniature egg rolls.

ALL MEALS SHOULD BE COVERED AND HEATED IN A 350° OVEN FOR 20 – 30 MINUTES.

PLEASE ALLOW 24 HOURS FOR PREPARATION OF YOUR MEAL
CALL WYCLIFFE TODAY FOR YOUR DINNER TOMORROW

THIS WEEKS SPECIALS

RIB STEAKS $2.99 lb. GROUND BEEF $1.49 lb.
FILET STEAKS OR ROASTS $4.89 lb. CHOPPED LIVER $1.69 lb.
BEEF SPARE RIBS 99¢ lb. BEEF OR LIVER KNISHES 2 for 99¢

PRICES IN EFFECT FROM WED., JAN. 23/80 TO WED., JAN. 30/80.
We reserve the right to limit quantities while supply lasts.
To our customers – In order for us to pass these savings to you all items featured are CASH & CARRY ONLY.

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